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Gorbachov heralds drive for reforms

Bid to ease East-West tension

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In a major televised speech designed to reassert his place on the domestic and world stage, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov last night warned the Soviet people that the main part of his reform drive still lay ahead and launched a new initiative designed to lessen East-West naval tension in northern waters.

Referring for the first time to the third superpower summit meeting due in the US before the end of the year, Mr Gorbachov said with a note of optimism: "The meeting with the US President might start a peaceful chain-reaction in the sphere of strategic offensive arms, the non-emplacement of arms in space and many other items on a possible agenda of international dialogue."

His remarks reinforced hopes expressed by Soviet officials that sufficient groundwork has already been completed to permit the superpowers to reach an agreement limiting strategic missiles by 50 per cent by the middle of next year, possibly in time for President Reagan to attend a fourth summit meeting in Moscow.

Speaking to a live television audience estimated at more than 100 million viewers, Mr Gorbachov said it was still two or three years before they could see results from his reconstruction drive.

He also said that changes in Soviet wholesale, purchase and retail prices could not be avoided if the economy was to be revitalized.

The pledge on implementing price changes demanded by his more radical advisors was seen as part of Mr Gorbachov's vigorous, post-holiday determination to throw down the gauntlet to his conservative opponenents who fear public reaction.

Speaking to a large Communist rally in Murmansk, Mr Gorbachov urged the Soviet people to "go into the attack" in order to carry out the reforms of the economy. "You know what the political guidelines are," he said. "The corresponding legal documents have been adopted and there is a need for action now for the initiatives of the masses."

Earlier, in a series of walkabouts in the Arctic port, Mr Gorbachov warned that the next 18 months to two years was a crucial period for the Soviet Union. He described his programme as "a revolution without shots" and urged ordinary people not to panic — thought mainly to be a reference to the impending price rises.

Mr Gorbachov told Soviet workers that his policies were revolutionary. "It is a revolution — without shots, but a deep and serious one," he *explained*. "You have to keep yourselves in check comrades, and you must not panic. Never. It might be difficult. Sometimes it might be unpleasant."

Accompanied by his wife, Raisa, making her first public appearance since rumours that she had been ill, Mr

Mr Gorbachov yesterday: *"This is a critical time."*

Gorbachov pulled few punches in his talks with airport, canteen and factory workers.

"I tell you, honestly, it is going to be difficult. But if we get our flywheel turning, a great deal will be added in the country, and very quickly," he assured his audience, many of whom fired back questions about his views on the progress of *perestroika* (restructuring).

Speaking to scientific experts during his hectic tour of the city, Mr Gorbachov disclosed that the Politburo had already met in Moscow since his return from holiday, and had concluded that the country had embarked on a decisive stage of the reform process.

The next 18 months, he added, would be critical as the policies of change began to have their effect on tens of millions of Soviet people. "During these years, we will advance both reform and the process of democracy," he said confidently.

Western experts noted that Mr Gorbachov had made similar clarion calls during previous "meet the people" tours in other regions of the Soviet Union. "One of his main aims is to win the grass roots on to his side in his struggle against the bureaucrats," a senior European diplomat said.

Mr Gorbachov also attempted to convince local people of the importance of his stringent anti-alcohol campaign — which is deeply unpopular in many parts of the Soviet Union — by arguing that it was saving 300,000 lives a year. "What value can you put on that?" he added rhetorically.

Looking tanned and fit after his summer break by the Black Sea, he also explained what he meant by stating that the Soviet Union needed more democracy. "Democracy is conscious discipline and an understanding of the need for everyone to participate," he said.

"But it is not the lack of discipline and responsibility, it is not the claim to a right to do as you please. No. If you live in society you are not free from that society."

Last night's speech was a tour de force described by

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Drop-out brother tries to clear Hayward

Captain Hayward, accompanied by Swedish court officials and lawyers, inspecting the Jaguar car yesterday in which the drugs were found that led to his arrest.

Taped plea to Swedish court

From Michael McCarthy Stockholm

The voice of the one person who can clear Simon Hayward, the Life Guards captain *sentenced* to five years in prison in Sweden for drug smuggling, rang out in the courtroom where his appeal was being heard yesterday, protesting his innocence.

Christopher Hayward, the soldier's brother, a drop-out and suspected drug smuggler who got the captain to drive a Jaguar carrying cannabis to Sweden from Ibiza, has disappeared and is still refusing all entreaties to come forward.

But yesterday Captain Hayward's defence lawyers sprang a surprise on the Stockholm Court of Appeal when they played a tape of Christopher Hayward insisting that his brother, who has always maintained he was completely ignorant of the Moroccan hashish, worth £500,000, hidden in the frame of the car, indeed knew nothing of the drugs.

The tape was of a telephone call Christopher Hayward made to their mother, Mrs Hazel Hayward, at a friend's house in London late last Friday night. There was no indication whether he was speaking from Britain or abroad and Mrs Hayward said she did not know.

The court was hushed as the tape recorder was switched on. A clear and precise English voice announced: "My name is Christopher David Hayward. Today's date is September 25."

He went on: "I am the owner of a Jaguar car, metallic green, registration number HMH 959X. In March this year, at the beginning of March, I asked my brother Simon if he would deliver the car to Sweden to a man known to me as Lokesh.

"I told Simon that Lokesh would sell the car after *converting it to left-hand* drive. I also told him that I did not want to drive the car myself, as I wanted to spend some time with a girlfriend in France.

"As Simon was due in England very soon, I told him he should just leave the car with Lokesh and fly home.

"At no time did I mention anything to Simon about drugs and I never told him there were drugs in the car.

"Under these conditions, Simon agreed to drive the car for me."

The recording, which was clearly a surprise to the prosecution, came at the end of an hour's evidence by Mrs Hayward herself.

Guinness broker arrested

By Lawrence Lever and Stewart Tendler

Mr Tony Parnes, the stockbroker nicknamed "the Animal" and a central figure in the Guinness affair, was arrested at Los Angeles airport early yesterday.

Mr Parnes was arrested at the request of the Metropolitan Fraud Squad as he was entering the US on a flight from France. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents had a warrant from the fraud squad charging him with four offences of falsifying accounts.

The alleged offences relate to a payment by Guinness of £3.4 million to Mr Parnes via a Swiss company. The fraud squad is to begin the process to extradite him immediately.

Mr Parnes played a key role in the massive buying of Guinness shares to boost the company's share price during its takeover battle for the Distillers group last year.

He was interviewed by Department of Trade inspectors before leaving the country in July and was believed to be living in Europe. His wife Denise, sister of Gerald Ratner, head of the Ratners jewellery company, met him in France about three weeks ago. She and their three young children were with Mr Parnes when he was arrested.

The Queen rebuffs Rabuka

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Queen yesterday refused to accept a statement by the Fijian coup leader, Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, that he had replaced her as head of state.

Neither Buckingham Palace nor the Foreign Office was ready to treat Colonel Rabuka's apparently unequivocal statement as final. There is a strong conviction that he is caught in a struggle between rival strands of Melanesian opinion.

British diplomats in Suva believe that pressure from the hard-line Taukei Movement caused his sudden U-turn yesterday. His decision to revoke the 1970 Constitution and to rule by decree came only hours after a compromise had seemed on the cards.

Informed sources share the opinion expressed yesterday by Fiji's deposed Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, that although vocal, the Taukei Movement has limited and declining support. He said it was quite possible that a backlash would appear.

A statement from Buckingham Palace said: "The Queen is following developments closely and continues to regard the Governor-General, who is still at his post, as the sole legitimate source of executive authority in Fiji."

She was in touch early yesterday with the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, who is her personal representative in Fiji. He assured her he was still at his post.

The British, Australian, Indian and New Zealand governments reaffirmed their backing for Ratu Ganilau, as

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Labour defence debate

Kinnock toys with Trident

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday opened up the possibility of Labour fighting the next election on a non-unilateralist defence policy.

He suggested that the Trident missile system could be used as a bargaining counter to secure reciprocal arms reductions from the Russians rather than scrapping it immediately — a policy switch which runs the risk of setting off the "civil war" in his party threatened by Mr Ken Livingstone and Mr Arthur Scargill if Labour were to abandon its non-nuclear policy.

On the day the Labour conference in Brighton untied Mr Kinnock's hands by backing a review of the timetable and negotiating strategy for implementing Labour's non-nuclear defence policy, he refused to rule out using Trident as a "negotiating chip".

At the last election Labour was committed to scrap the Trident programme, then in the early stages, and Mr Kinnock pledged the recall of Polaris submarines within a fortnight of coming to power. In a BBC interview yesterday, however, the Labour leader countenanced the possibility of a bilateral deal with the Soviet Union over Trident.

He said: "I have made it clear many times that the Soviet Union was willing to dismantle a precisely similar weapon system to that of Polaris as a consequence of our doing so. It is conceivable that the same kind of arrangement could be undertaken against the background of strategic arms reductions in the case of Trident."

He was speaking before a passionate conference debate during which right wing union leaders were barracked for suggesting more fundamental changes in the policy. It was marked by a series of bitter attacks by leadership supporters, including Mr Denis Healey, on Mr Livingstone.

Preparing the ground for a crucial shift in Labour's position, Mr Kinnock and his aides are insisting that there is a difference between a non-nuclear policy, which remains their objective, and a unilateralist one. They accept that defence policy was a major factor in Labour's election *defeat and* they believe that they chose the wrong means of achieving their non-nuclear aim in June.

Just as the Labour leadership last winter watered down its original policy of sending home Cruise missiles and accepted that they should play a part in securing an INF deal with the Russians, when that became a possibility, they are now prepared to react further to the changing world arms situation in relation to Trident, which will be an established fact by the next election and not just an advance programme which could be cancelled.

Labour will remain committed with the leadership's blessing to a non-nuclear policy, confirmed by the party conference yesterday. But party leaders believe that they must now pursue it by multilateral means as well as unilateral means, involving the use of Trident in arms negotiations.

Senior party sources were explaining yesterday that

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TSB aims for Hill Samuel

The TSB Group is today expected to launch a bid worth more than £700 million for Hill Samuel, the troubled merchant banking group, which yesterday called a halt to dealings in its shares after speculation pushed them up from 680p to 705p.

Hill Samuel has been linked with takeover speculation for some months, having been in talks with the Union Bank of Switzerland and then Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency.

Last night both companies refused to comment.

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Big cancer risk for Sellafield children

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Cases of childhood leukaemia and cancer in Seascale, the village bordering the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing works, occur up to ten times more frequently than the national average, according to research results published today.

The figures confirm the findings of Sir Douglas Black, former chief scientific adviser to the Department of Health and Social Security, who reported similar conclusions three years ago.

The new figures, published in the *British Medical Journal*, show that the excess of cancers is confined to children born to mothers resident in the Cumbrian town.

The findings come from two studies of children, one group of 1,068 born in Sellafield and another group of 1,546 children born outside the parish but attending local schools. The results are unambiguous.

The leukaemia and cancer cases in young children occurred only among those born in Seascale.

The investigators for both studies, led by by Dr Martin Gardner, *professor of medical* statistics at Southampton General Hospital, and Dr John Terrell, district medical officer at West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven, say this raises the question of whether the local factors causing childhood cancer were acting before or after birth.

Abortion pill goes on trial in Britain

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A thousand pregnant women are being offered an experimental abortion pill in the first trial of its kind in Britain.

The drug RU486, developed in France by the Rouseel-Uclaf pharmaceutical company, is a possible alternative to conventional surgical abortion for women in the early weeks of pregnancy.

The Department of Health and Social Security has approved clinical evaluation of the drug, which acts by blocking progesterone receptors in the womb lining, and the trial began in a dozen hospitals or clinics last month.

Women volunteering to take RU486 will be evaluated by two doctors before being given a single dose of three tablets. Only women with pregnancies of less than seven weeks, whose termination is considered clinically necessary, will be included.

Similar studies are underway in more than 20 other countries. Mr Tony Easton, a senior executive at the company's British subsidiary, Roussel Laboratories, said yesterday the British trial would take about 12 months.

No launch of the drug on the British market was contemplated before late 1989, when, if approved, it would be available only on prescription under strict safeguards.

California panics as earthquake shakes cities

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Millions of southern Californians were shaken early yesterday by a massive 20-second earthquake that struck in the heart of Los Angeles, swaying skyscrapers, bringing rush-hour traffic to a halt and sending panic-stricken people rushing into the streets.

The quake recorded 6.0 on the Richter scale and was centred some nine miles from Pasadena, which puts its epicentre in the centre of the the heavily-populated city.

Despite the severity of the jolt, which was felt 300 miles away in Las Vegas, 90 miles to the north in Santa Barbara and 120 miles south to San Diego and the Mexican border town of Tijuana, early reports indicated three deaths and at least 24 injuries. One death occurred when a piece of masonry fell on a man in a parking lot at a college.

Mountain roads were blocked by landslides and one big department store was on fire. There were also reports of several heart attacks and one elderly woman broke a leg.

The worst damage seemed to occur to the psyches of the 13 million Los Angeles County residents. Hundreds of people, many still in their pyjamas, rushed into the streets, and all government buildings were evacuated.

Bumper-to-bumper traffic on Los Angeles' network of freeways came to a halt as motorists reported their cars being bounced around "three or four feet" by the rolling earthquake.

Radio announcers warned listeners: "Don't go to work today...Don't drive on the freeway...Stay put in your homes and above all stay calm."

One woman on the 11th floor of a high rise building, almost in tears, said: "The whole building began to sway back and forth and I had a vision of the building crashing over and me being crushed to death."

Throughout the morning jittery residents were continually shaken by more than a dozen aftershocks.

I live some 70 miles from the epicentre and my house rocked for some five to ten seconds. Our 60 year-old-home shook as though a train was going through it.

For years now Californians have lived with the warning that they are long overdue for a massive quake because of the San Andreas fault that runs from northern California through the Los Angeles area. The worst quake in recent years occurred in February 1971 in the Sylmar area of Los Angeles, killing 65 people.

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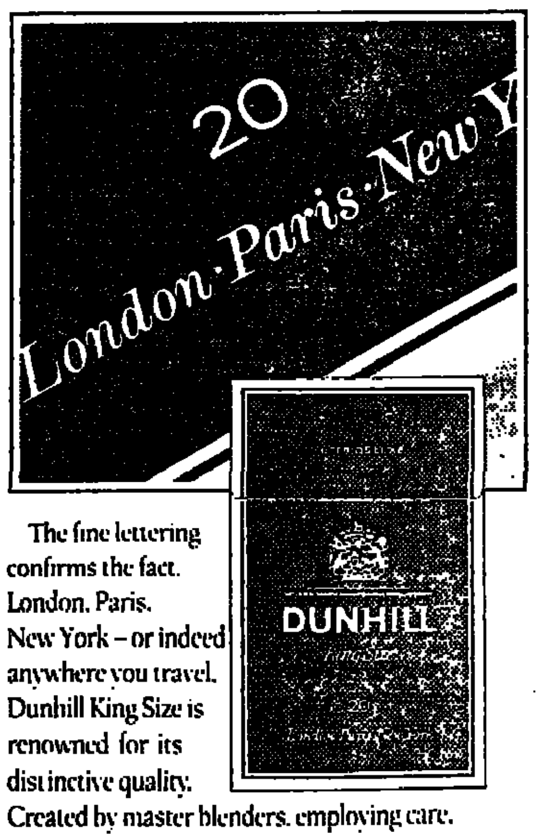

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NEWS SUMMARY

Problem trains go into store

British Rail is taking 20 of its 160 lightweight Pacer trains out of service until it can get spare gear box parts. The Pacers, cheap trains made by putting bus-style coaches on top of modified freight chassis, have had many problems since being introduced in 1983 to replace obsolete rolling stock on branch lines and short distance routes, mainly in the north. Wheels have worn out much sooner than expected, gear boxes have been unreliable, and last month Pacers were withdrawn from Devon and Cornwall because they could not cope with the severe gradients and curves. On some tracks in the Newcastle area, Pacers have had to be hauled by diesel locomotives.

British Rail said yesterday that the 20 withdrawn units, from a depot at Newton Heath near Manchester, would be stored at Crewe for up to several months until replacement parts were available.

Prisons chief

A circuit judge who has written legal books is to be the new chief inspector of the prison service.

Judge Tumim, aged 57, takes up his post on November 1 in succession to Sir James Hennessy, a former diplomat.

Judge Tumim has been chairman of the Friends of the Tate Gallery since 1983. He has been a circuit judge since 1978 and will remain a member of the judiciary on secondment for his five-year period of office.

Oxbridge effort

An Oxford graduate is to head a fund-raising campaign for Cambridge University, it was announced yesterday. Mr William Squire, aged 59, at present Britain's ambassador to Israel, will take up the salaried post in April.

The new university fund aims to double the average £3 million a year raised by individual faculties. Dr Stephen Fleet, the university registrar, said: "We need a lot more money to support teaching and research.

Fears for Channel 4

London Business School experts say that Channel 4's distinctive programming for specialist and minority audiences could be at risk if it is forced to sell its own advertising airtime (Our Media Editor writes).

Professor Andrew Ehrenberg and Dr Patrick Barwise say that "privatizing" the channel, funded by ITV companies who profit from its advertisements, would involve it in a ratings war, adversely affect its programming, but not cut the cost of advertising.

"C4 should continue to compete in its right market, which everyone accepts is that of giving viewers wider choice. Changing its way of operating seems worse than pointless."

Stab case cash plea

The west London woman freed at the Central Criminal Court on Wednesday after admitting killing a man who was raping her is to seek compensation. The judge ruled that Mrs Janet Clugman, of Paddington, acted in self-defence in stabbing Steven Cophen.

Yesterday Mr Stephen Dawson, her solicitor, said an application would be made to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board on the basis that she was assaulted. He said a psychiatric report showed she suffered severe psychological damage.

Screening demand

The Government is being pressed to introduce workplace cervical cancer screening for 300,000 women Civil Servants.

The Council of Civil Service Unions said yesterday that it would cost £1 million a year, compared with £12 million to provide women with time off work to attend a centre.

The unions say that a pilot scheme in Cardiff proved that workplace screening was not only cheaper but much more effective in reaching women who needed screening.

Scientists oppose university research shake-up

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Britain's university scientists are uniting to oppose reforms which they believe will cause irreversible damage to basic research in the UK.

An unprecendented meeting of 16 learned societies, representing most of the university scientists in Britain, takes place today to discuss plans for limiting research to certain institutions and concentrating on work that is likely to have some obvious application.

Scientists covering all disciplines believe that such sweeping proposals would stifle original or "blue sky" research, which can produce the most valuable but unexpected results.

The reforms have been suggested by advisers to the Department of Education and Science.

Speaking for the Biochemical Society yesterday, Professor Harold Baum, who is also dean of the UK's largest department for teaching and research in life sciences, at King's College, London, said: "The action of the societies reflects dismay that science funding has sunk to a level where changes with such catastrophic implications should have to be considered".

Professor Baum said the criteria for supporting scientific research would no longer be on its timeliness, excellence and pervasiveness in adding to scientific knowledge.

The changes would come from a three-tier plan proposed by the Government's Advisory Board for the Research Councils as a way of coping with the shrinking science budget.

There would be:

Fifteen "Type R" centres of excellence offering teaching and equipped for the highest level research;

A number of "Type X" institutions, which would do teaching and a limited amount of research in subjects in which they had already or could achieve pre-eminence;

"Type T" universities, which would have no research facilities but might be able to do research at other institutions.

Professor Baum describes this as an imposition on academic research of an unacceptable level of selective-direction, in contrast with the practice of curiosity-led "blue skies" research that has led to an enviable record of Nobel Prize winners.

The professor believes "a non-research university is a contradiction in terms".

The heads of British universities, including the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, share the scientists' fears.

As a result, counter-proposals are being prepared by the Government's University Grants Committee, which would have the job of introducing any restructuring.

Its suggested revisions to the reforms would create a two-tier scheme, but there would be a greater number of equipment centres and arrangements for wider use.

Professor Eric Ash, an electronic engineer and rector of Imperial College, London, said increased funding would be necessary for universities to compete at world level.

He suggests industry's reluctance to support more research in universities, particularly in paying for equipment, bricks and mortar, is based on a suspicion that the Government would then do less.

That anxiety came from experience of schemes for collaboration between industry and universities encouraged by the Government.

In contrast with comparable schemes elsewhere in Europe and in the United States, industry had repeatedly found that the Government expected it to take on the overheads for the projects without any tax incentives to do so.

● Glasgow University has received an anonymous gift of £1.2 million which will be used to establish a new research unit — the Centre for Business History in Scotland.

Rooftop plea by prison hostage

By Kerry Gill

Mr Jackie Stuart, the prison officer held hostage by three prisoners at Peterhead maximum security jail, yesterday made a desperate gesture for help from the rooftop.

As the prisoners' backs were turned, Mr Stuart wearily put his arms in the air and beckoned to the authorities, apparently telling them to save him.

Mr Stuart, a grandfather aged 56, with 22 years' experience in the Scottish prison service, then slumped forward over the gable end of D-Hall, where he is being held, with his head in his arms.

He was helped through a hole in the badly damaged roof of the hall by two of the prisoners shortly before 11.30am. Flanked by his captors, he sat with his head bowed.

Then, as one of the men turned his back and the other walked across the roof, he began waving his arms.

Just before lunch Mr Stuart was brought back on to the roof and sat drinking from a plastic mug between the prisoners, who were eating rolls.

He had been helped out of the roof and the move was presumably to prove that Mr Stuart was not being mistreated.

The authorities are now anxious for the safety of Mr Stuart, with the three prisoners remaining defiant. He has been held for more than 75 hours in D-Hall, often being dragged out onto the roof in near-freezing winds to be taunted and humiliated.

The Scottish Office said yesterday: "Officer Stuart has been spoken to on several occasions this morning and he is as well as can be expected in the circumstances."

Mr Patrick Moore, the astronomer and television personality, adds his artistic touch to a child's drawing on a special London Underground train ride yesterday, organized to launch Children's Book Week (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Government digs in despite attacks on new rules

Fowler to push union reforms

By Roland Rudd

The Government yesterday made it clear that it will not negotiate on its planned legislation preventing unions from disciplining members who ignore strikes for which there has been a majority ballot.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, told the Institute of Economic Affairs that the legislation, strongly condemned by the trade unions and the Confederation of British Industry, would go before Parliament by next October.

The clause has been bitterly attacked by trade union leaders as a "scabs charter" which will lead to the "most repressive anti-trade union laws in Europe". The Confederation of British Industry has also criticized it for undermining the secret ballot.

In an important speech to the institute, Mr Fowler rejected the union allegations and said that past evidence had shown that the Government could ensure that trade unions would uphold democratic standards and practices only through legislating for trade union reform.

"Criticisms that we were legislating in a way which would undermine good industrial relations, provoke confrontations, or produce unworkable and ineffective laws, have proved consistently unfounded. Our approach has been endorsed by the public — including very many trade union members", he said.

The Green Paper quotes numerous examples of what the Government believes are "irresponsible or unjust" trade union methods in seeking to evade or ignore statutory requirments. To counter this, further legislation will limit what Mr Fowler said was "the possibility of unions coercing employees, by threats of disciplinary action, to strike in circumstances where they would wish to honour their employment contracts".

The Secretary of State made it clear that although he would have preferred to get the unions to agree on further reforms the controversial clause was "a point of principle" which the Government could not concede. The individual union member had an obligation to his employer which was "too important to allow it to be influenced by the threat of union discipline".

The Government is concerned that under the present law a union member who votes in a strike ballot and takes part in subsequent industrial action could be intimidated not to go back to work if the union decides to reject a better pay offer.

Mr Fowler's arguments are unlikely to convince the trade unions who have consistently argued against the proposals

Ministers fight with Treasury over £3bn

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The "Star Chamber" of senior Cabinet ministers is certain to intervene to adjudicate between the Treasury and spending departments on next year's public expenditure total, government sources said yesterday.

The total difference between what the departments want to spend and what the Treasury wants to allocate is believed to be around £3 billion.

Spending ministers have been arguing that government revenues are so buoyant that the original target can be breached. However the Treasury is fighting a fierce rearguard action.

Talks between Mr John Major, chief secretary to the Treasury, and individual ministers are due to end this week with the gap between departmental bids and the Treasury's planned ceiling of £154 billion still too great for the Treasury to accept.

Departments thought to be still at loggerheads with the Treasury include Health and Social Services, Environment, Defence and Education.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has said that while the Government is committed only to reducing expenditure as a proportion of national income — which in the present favourable circumstances would allow a considerable overshoot on the £154 billion target — he is determined to get as close as possible to that target. Maintaining a tough line was critical in reducing taxation.

The "Star Chamber", chaired by Lord Whitelaw, would complete its work in time for the Chancellor's autumn statement in November.

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IRA alert

Boyson security tightened

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard detectives have mounted a special protection operation for Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former Northern Ireland minister, after a British police intelligence operation revealed the Provisional IRA may have targeted him for assassination.

Documents uncovered by police and linked to the IRA include the registration number of Lady Boyson's car. Police believe an IRA reconnaisance team collected personal information on the Boysons to prepare an attack by an active service unit.

Sir Rhodes was Minister of State in Northern Ireland from 1984-86, and is still MP for Brent North. Many former Northern Ireland ministers retain police protection after their retirement, but Sir Rhodes asked for Special Branch protection to be relaxed when he left office.

In recent weeks, security has been tightened. Sir Rhodes is reported to have rescheduled his engagements and been given the use of a specially protected Daimler car.

Yesterday a marked police car was parked outside the five-bedroomed family home. According to a neighbour, police are stopping anyone approaching the Boysons' home, including milkmen and postmen.

Security has also been tightened for a number of other political figures and senior ministers as the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool approaches next week.

Police have taken the view that the IRA might mount an attack on a politician away from the conference, believing that police attention will be focused on Blackpool.

Last week Devon and Cornwall police gave added protection to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, when he visited Torquay.

Full review sought on sentencing

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

A royal commission to review the whole sentencing system is recommended by the Criminal Bar Association in a submission to the Home Secretary.

The association is strongly opposing government proposals in the Criminal Justice Bill to give the prosecution the right of appeal against over-lenient sentences.

"Tinkering in response to political pressure is no substitute for a proper review of the whole system".

It described the proposal, which has the support of a number of law lords and of the Lord Chief Justice, as merely "a means of taking the heat off the judiciary when there is a public outcry about a sentence".

The present sentencing framework was at fault. It was "unpredictable, complicated and ill-understood, not only by criminals, but often by their lawyers".

In a second submission, the association also rejected proposals to abolish the suspect's right to silence.

● Backing for a royal commission on sentencing also came yesterday from the *Law Magazine*. Its latest issue describes the system as a "mess".

"What is needed is not just another layer of inadequately considered law to deal with whatever issue happens to be flavour of the month, but a thorough overhaul, starting from basic principles."

Ridley's threat to councils

By Our Political Staff

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, gave a warning yesterday that the Government will not help local authorities which have been taking on extra staff.

The councils will have to find the money to pay rises of more than 5.75 per cent next week and the wages of any additional staff taken on this year.

His warning came after the disclosure that the number of workers employed by councils has risen for the eighth successive year to a record figure for both full-time and part-time of 2,491,607. That is an increase of 6,221 full-time and 36,677 part-time council workers in a year.

The Thatcher administration has campaigned to cut the number of local authority workers. The abolition of the Greater London and Metropolitan county councils and bus deregulation had been expected to reduce the payroll.

The biggest rises, disclosed by the Joint Manpower Watch for England, have been in the numbers of police cadets, local planners, social workers, housing and leisure facility staff. The figures also reveal a growing trend for councils to take on more part-time rather than full-time staff.

Hunt for youngsters to revitalize inner cities

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A further 6,000 young entrepreneurs are being sought to revitalize run-down inner city areas.

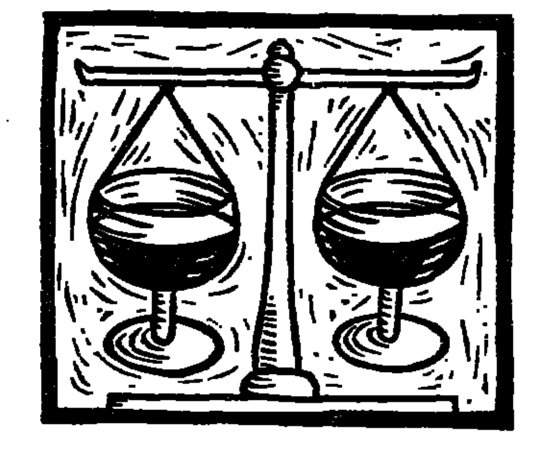
Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Trade and Industry, yesterday announced an expansion of Headstart, the scheme run by the Industrial Society to find and utilize promising talent in unemployment blackspots.

Task forces will go into Handsworth, Birmingham; Moss Side, Manchester; Spitalfields, London; and Hartlepool, Cleveland. They will advise and train young people how to start a business. More than 200 firms are helping by sending advisers to schools.

The scheme already operates in parts of Leeds, Middlesbrough, Leicester, Bristol, and north Peckham and north Kensington in London.

Mr Clarke said the Government would give more than £500,000 to run the expanded scheme, which has already helped 75 young entrepreneurs and advised 4,000 teenagers in inner city schools how to turn their ideas to commercial advantage.

"Our main aim in inner city areas must be to inject the enterprise culture into those areas and help young people learn at first hand about the modern world of work", said Mr Clarke.



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£80m to be spent on brighter and faster Post Offices

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

The Post Office yesterday announced an £80 million, five-year investment programme to modernize its high street shops.

Out will go slow service, grubby vinyl floors, and poor lighting; in will come new "express-service" windows, wall-to-wall carpeting, modern decor, electronic dispensing machines and integral shops selling stationery and greetings cards. Post office staff are to be offered a newly-designed, free uniform.

Up to 1,500 extra part-time staff are being recruited in the coming year to cope with busy periods at lunchtimes or on pension days.

In what is certain to be seen as the first step towards making the counters business a more attractive candidate for privatization, up to 500 crown post offices are to be refurbished in the style of private sector banking halls.

The "express service" windows are expected to reduce queueing at main post offices to an average of five minutes. A survey of customers has shown that most felt a wait of up to five minutes was acceptable.

Behind the investment, which will not require additional government funding, is a drive to convince ministers that the Post Office should be allowed to sell products other than those directly related to the mail service or in the public domain such as pensions and car licences.

Leaders of the Union of Communication Workers decided last night to ballot 165,000 postmen and counter staff on industrial action which could have a devastating effect on Christmas mail.

The decision ignored warnings from the Post Office that it will not concede the union's claim for a 40-hour working week and from government ministers that they might suspend the Post Office monopoly if industrial action goes ahead.

The union says its members' 43-hour week compares unfavourably with other industries. The Post Office denies this, saying it includes meal breaks, but has offered to cut the net working week by one hour to 38.5 hours provided the deal is self-financing. The union demand, the Post Office says, would cost £150 million and put 2p on the cost of a stamp.

Mr John Roberts, managing director of the counters business, said that it is hoped that with its new modern image, the counters business can enter joint ventures with the private sector selling financial services such as insurance.

Last year the counter operation made a loss of £10.7 million. After receiving various interest payments, there was a trading profit of £19.1 million.

In parallel with the counters investment scheme is the beginning of the Post Office's £100 million automation programme – said to be Europe's biggest computerization project – which eventually will involve 6,000 offices. Initially, 250 offices will be equipped with counter terminals linked to computers, aimed at improving the service and saving time.

The number of post shops is to increase from 38 to 50 as part of a plan to turn post offices into "a distinct and dedicated business, with improved services and environment independent of the Royal Mail", Mr Roberts said.

The Post Office has 1,500 main offices and 19,000 sub-post offices catering for 25 million customers a week;

The Post Office Users' National Council (POUNC) yesterday welcomed the investment plan.

Mr Brendan Doyle, assistant secretary, said POUNC did not believe that privatization was necessarily in mind; modernisation of the counters business image was necessary to prepare it for entry into more competitive ventures with the private sector.

Mr Doyle said the council would monitor queuing at post offices to see whether a reduction took place.

"Complaints about queuing are top of the list we receive from the public; it is very frustrating to go to a post office in your lunch hour and find only two out of 10 counter windows open."

The church and state education

Bishop lashes out at reform

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The Church of England has joined the national chorus of opposition to the Government's proposals for reforming state schools.

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, yesterday published an open letter to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, accusing the Government of using the educational system as a political pawn in its efforts to weaken local government.

In a separate statement yesterday, Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, was also critical of government proposals for the national curriculum in schools, which he said would "reduce religious and moral education to compete with other minority subjects".

Education had to be "for life, love, and responsibility" and "Catholics maintain that the fundamental issue of education is, in practice, being neglected."

Dr Leonard, chairman of the Church of England's board of education, also condemned the motivation behind the reforms as "essentially utilitarian and materialistic".

He wrote: "This narrow focus limits the thinking underlying the proposals in a way which has very practical consequences. Until present levels of unemployment are significantly reduced, many pupils will feel little interest in a curriculum which is identified as being geared to 'the challenges of employment', particularly if those are identified as being mainly to do with technological expertise."

Dr Leonard said some of the Government's plans were likely to increase disparities between schools. He said the proposal to allow schools to opt out of local authority control would create a privileged sector.

"The untrammelled operation of market forces is not appropriate to the provision of public good. Creeping privatization of the education system is no more acceptable than would be the outright handing over of all schools to commercial enterprises."

The proposals "seem to have been born of a spirit of desperation, almost as if people were saying anything different from the present system must be better", Dr Leonard said.

Comments on the Government's proposals have been received from more than 2,000 organizations and individuals.

The two head teachers' organizations were among the last to respond. The Secondary Heads' Association said it was strongly opposed to the "unduly prescriptive" nature of the proposed national curriculum, to the "whole paraphernalia" of introducing national tests at the ages of seven, 11 and 14, and to the plan to allow schools to opt out of local government control.

The National Association of Head Teachers criticized the plan to allow schools to recruit up to their physical capacity, saying market forces would make it difficult for local authorities to manage numbers economically.

Dyslexic children lack help

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Ten years after dyslexia was formally recognized as a medical problem, there is still only one specially trained teacher for every 10 children who urgently need one-to-one coaching to overcome the handicap, the British Dyslexia Association says.

Mr Tony Davies, chairman of the asociation, said yesterday: "Britain is still arguing about whether dyslexia exists. There are still local education authorities where the disease is not recognized as such."

Consequently, only a third of the 300,000 children believed to suffer from dyslexia — word-blindness — are receiving trained help and Britain has just 3,000 teachers who can help them, many of them in private schools to which local authorities pay fees.

A £1.5 million campaign is being launched this month to provide courses for 1,500 state school teachers and short "awareness" courses for a further 5,000 who want to know how to recognize a dyslexic in the classroom.

However, said Mr Davies, these courses were mostly to be offered by the private sector. "Even now, the independent sector is having to give the lead in providing special help for dyslexics, although 4 per cent of schoolchildren, and one in 10 of the population, are estimated to have the problem", he said. The Government officially recognized it as a handicap but local authority provision for special teaching was at best patchy.

The British Dyslexia Association and the Dyslexia Education Trust have joined forces with other bodies such as the Dyslexia Institute, which has 20 regional centres, to provide more training for teachers, and more awareness of the "hidden handicap".

Barclays Bank has funded a three-week mobile information service based on the Dyslexia Institute's bus. On Monday week Susan Hampshire, the actress, who is dyslexic, will present prizes for essays, poems and posters by dyslexic children. At the end of the month there is a £100-a-ticket ball at the Café Royal.

The campaign has the slogan Dyslexia Destroys, to heighten awareness of the disease's ability to ruin lives. Dr Gerald Hales, an educational psychologist and former chairman of the British Dyslexia Association research committee, said: "Dyslexia is a destructive disease. Dyslexics do not sit ticking over in neutral until someone is found to help them. Their problem deepens all the time.

"I have seen children of eight who have not been diagnosed as dyslexic and they have simply decided that they must be insane. The psychological damage is enormous. It can, and does, end in suicide."

£4,500 false arrest award for woman

A woman who was detained for 3¼ hours for questioning by police has been awarded £4,500 for false imprisonment by a jury at Guildford County Court (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

Mrs Anna Castorina, aged 44, of Warlingham, Surrey, worked for a market research company in Oxted, Surrey, until June 1985, when she was dismissed.

Shortly afterwards there was a break-in at the company's premises and on hearing that Mrs Casterina had recently been dismissed, police went to her house and arrested her.

After questioning she was released without charge.

She sued for false imprisonment and on Wednesday a jury at Guildford County Court made the award against the chief constable of Surrey. He is considering an appeal.

Child specialist at risk as caseload increases

By Ian Smith

Colleagues of Dr Jane Wynne, the child abuse specialist, fear she will not be able to cope if her workload is not significantly reduced.

Dr Wynne, a community paediatrician based at Leeds General Infirmary, says she can no longer cope with handicapped patients because she is inundated with child abuse referrals.

Only this week, the doctor won the 1987 Meering Award, presented by the National Association of Nursing and Family Care, for her work with handicapped children.

But, reluctantly, she has had to cancel 30 follow-up appointments for handicapped children and paediatricians have been instructed not to refer any more

In spite of appeals from Dr Wynne and a parents' action group, Leeds Western Health Authority has not appointed a second paediatrician.

At its monthly meeting in three weeks' time, the health authority will consider a request for an extra paediatrician made by the Leeds Western Area Community Health Council.

Mrs Sylvia Craven, secretary to the council, said yesterday that the situation for Dr Wynne, was becoming impossible. Her caseload was far greater than could be handled by any one person.

"The concern she expresses and I share is that these handicapped youngsters who urgently need help will be ignored because no expert is on hand in the community."

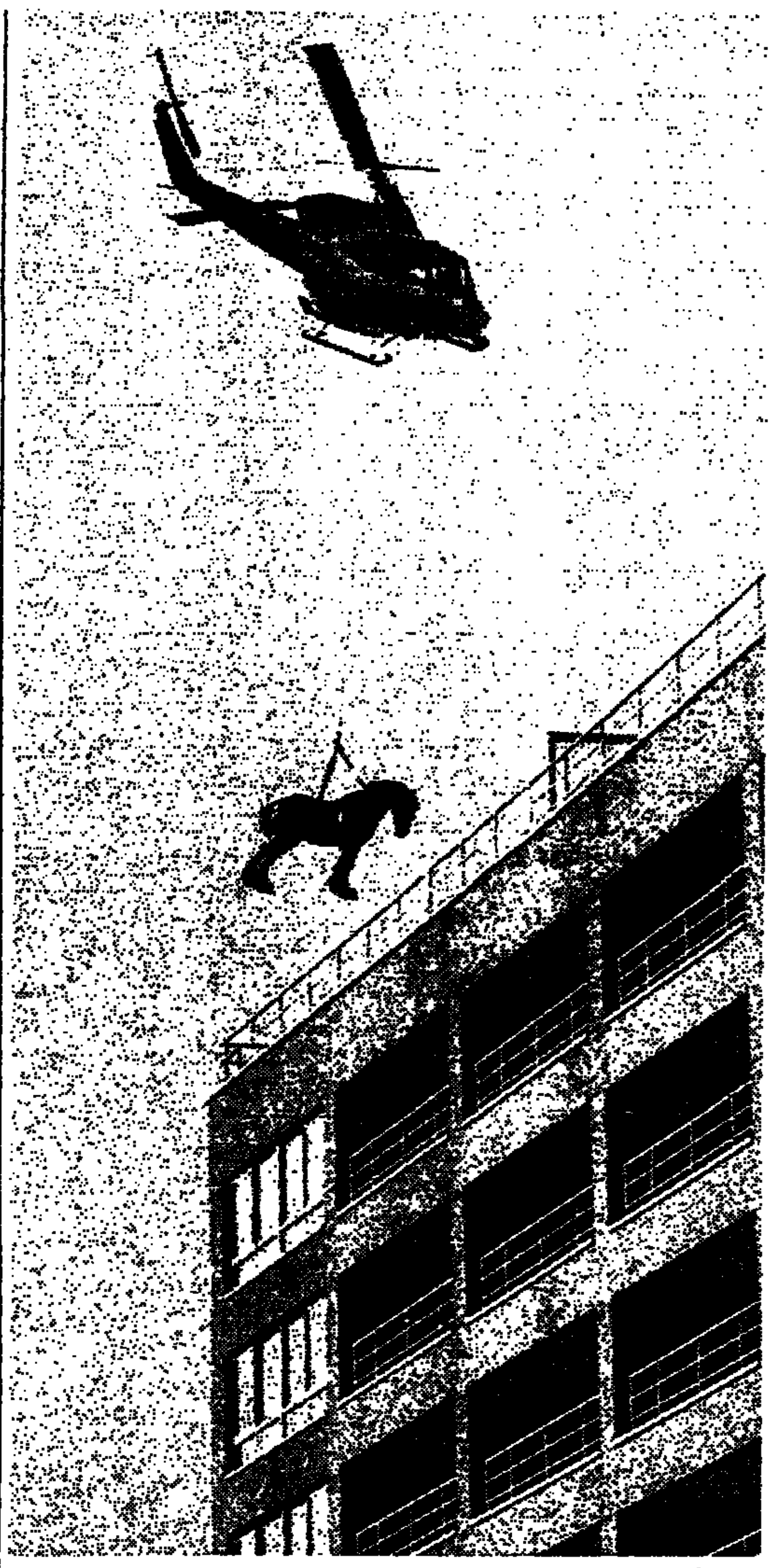
Dr Wynne has said that unless a second specialist is appointed she will seek the help of the Medical Defence Union.

Flying horse given a lift into London

The Thames has seen many strange sights in its long history, but few more startling than the nine feet high bronze shire horse that flew up the river from the Isle of Dogs to Tower Bridge yesterday.

The one-ton statue, slung underneath a helicopter, was being airlifted in to take up position in the middle of a new residential development in Queen Elizabeth Street, Bermondsey, south-east London, close to where the former Courage brewery once used real shire horses to pull its drays.

The horse was modelled for a property company by Shirley Pace, an equestrian sculptor from Chichester, West Sussex.



The horse, slung beneath a helicopter, is flown to Queen Elizabeth Street

Final positioning for the horse on its plinth

Aids cases blamed on blood cash crisis

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

More than 1,000 haemophiliacs would not be infected with the Aids virus if more money had been spent on the blood transfusion service, according to a specialist.

In a letter to today's *British Medical Journal*, Dr James Ross, a consultant haematologist at Northampton General Hospital, says spending on the transfusion service in Scotland in 1984-85 was £2.42 per head, compared with £1 per head in England.

"I am certain that if spending on the service in England were at the Scottish level we would have a better service.

"We would not have the tragedy of 1,200 haemophiliacs infected with the human immunodeficiency virus." At least 57 haemophiliacs have contracted Aids and 41 have died. Dr Ross says almost all those infected caught the virus from the clotting agent, Factor VIII.

In another letter to the *BMJ*, Mr Pitre Anderson, surgical registrar at Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey, says that when three patients recently needed transfusions, he was told there was no more O Positive blood in the whole South-west Thames Health Region.

One patient died and another was given blood intended for a woman aged 80 who lived only because she stopped bleeding spontaneously. Mr Anderson says this "scandalous" situation is "a not too infrequent occurrence in hospitals".

Mr Bill Taylor, regional director of operational services, said: "There have been occasional problems because the supply of blood from donors in our region has been inadequate".

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Defence policy change would be 'hypocrisy'

Any thought by the Labour leadership of dropping the party's non-nuclear defence policy would be "hypocrisy at its worst" and a betrayal, Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, said to loud applause during the defence debate.

Paraphrasing a remark made by Mr Ken Livingstone at a Brighton fringe meeting on Wednesday, he said that such a change of policy would produce "internecine warfare" in the party.

Mr Livingstone's speech came under attack at the end of the debate from Mr Tony Clarke, who was replying for the national executive committee. Although he did not mention Mr Livingstone by name, Mr Clarke condemned him for jumping on to bandwagons and described the Wednesday speech as immature.

The conference carried on a show of hands motions backing the non-nuclear defence policy of the party.

Opening the debate, **Mr Michael Chiverton**, Tass staff sector, moved a motion reaffirming Labour commitment to a non-nuclear defence policy and commitment to membership of Nato.

He said that it was time to bring the crucial issue to the place where it belonged, to be settled by the party's policy-making body, the conference.

A later motion calling for a referendum on nuclear defence was a mischievous ploy by those who wanted to fly in the face of world opinion and hinder the disarmament process. The conference should join the TUC in rejecting the smear tactics of the cold-war warriors.

The Pentagon's British agent, Mrs Thatcher, had made a personal pledge that she would never give up the British independent nuclear deterrent. "She is fast becoming the world's biggest obstacle to nuclear disarmament."

It was also necessary to realize that Nato would remain in place especially under a Tory government. A non-nuclear policy would only be secured when Nato and the Warsaw Pact were dismantled.

Mr Derek McInerney, Chelsea, said that it was necessary to review defence policy, but not to abandon it; to give it a sharper, more radical cutting edge.

They should reaffirm the non-nuclear policy and not listen to the counsel of despair of those who would urge a referendum on taking office, thus abdicating the Labour government's responsibility.

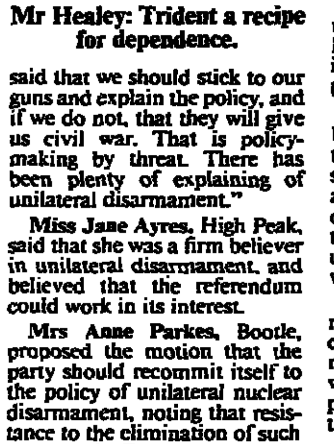
Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary, EETPU, moved a motion recognizing that Labour had been unable to persuade the people of the merits of unilateral nuclear disarmament. It called for a referendum on the matter within a year of taking office.

Shouts of "Scab" had greeted him when he walked to the rostrum.

His union had never hidden its view on defence, he said, supporting Britain's continuing membership of Nato and was against any policy which undermined that primary requirement.

"We see it as inconsistent to shelter under the umbrella of an organization based on a nuclear deterrent, while refusing to make it effective. We cannot pick and choose responsibilities to Nato.

"We are in or out. Some have said that we should stick to our guns and explain the policy, and if we do not, that they will give us civil war. That is policy-making by threat. There has been plenty of explaining of unilateral disarmament."



Mr Healey: Trident a recipe for dependence.

Miss Jane Ayres, High Peak, said that she was a firm believer in unilateral disarmament, and believed that the referendum could work in its interest.

Mrs Anne Parkes, Bootle, proposed the motion that the party should recommit itself to the policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament, noting that resistance to the elimination of such weapons in Europe and worldwide came from Nato and calling for the closing of all nuclear bases in Britain during the first term of a future Labour government. It also called for a campaign to promote welfare over warfare.

Mr Jack Tasker, Clydebank and Milngavie, seconding, said that the motion reassessed three aspects of policy: committment to the role of nuclear disarmament, the time scale for such a proposal, and redistribution of the £2,000 million that such a policy would save each year.

It had not been a question of the policy being right or wrong at the general election; the only vote loser had been a lack of commitment and belief.

Mr Martin Smith, Brighton, Kemptown, proposed a further motion that pledged to take Britain out of Nato and remove all American bases, including nuclear, conventional and communications bases, from British soil. He advocated opposition to the motions proposed by EETPU and Bootle.

Those who did not learn from their mistakes were doomed to repeat them and the party had to learn from the lessons of the election. It had not been unilateralism which had lost votes, but the confused way the leadership had put the policy forward.

Miss Bernadette Hillon, Lancashire West, proposed a motion reaffirming the party's policies on non-nuclear defence and nuclear disarmament and called for removal from British soil of all nuclear weapons and nuclear bases within the lifetime of the next Labour government. It also proposed the strengthening of the United Nations peacekeeping role.

Mr Ron Hazzard, Orpington, seconding, said that when one of superpowers was calling for the worldwide elimination of all nuclear weapons by the year 2000 then nuclear disarmament was an idea whose time had come. If the Labour policy on such a strategy had been misunderstood perhaps it had been due to the absence of a high-profile campaign.

The new campaign for the next election should start now. If there was a rethink on policy it should be about the way to present the campaign.

Mr Arthur Scargill, National Union of Mineworkers, said that there had been media speculation that the party was about to change its policy or direction on defence and about to change its position as far as unilateral nuclear disarmament was concerned.

Any such thoughts in the minds of the those on the conference platform, would represented hypocrisy at its worst and a betrayal of all the policies they had fought for for the last 25 years (applause).

A change of policy would produce internecine warfare and put party members in conflict with each other over the next four years when they should be fighting Mrs Thatcher.

"We have fought too long and too hard to get rid of nuclear weapons to start considering changes of policy at this stage."

They had heard speeches, such as those from the EETPU, which were like ghosts from the past. They did not want a referendum on an issue such as life and death. They wanted unilateral nuclear disarmament (applause).

The fact that talks were taking place between the Russia and the USA was because of, not in spite of, the brave women of Greenham Common (applause.)

The policy of the party was clear. They wanted to abolish all nuclear weapons, all US bases, abandon all weapons of war. And when they got rid of nuclear weapons, they did not want the money translated into conventional weapons but into hospitals, schools and welfare (applause).

Mr Denis Healey, MP for Leeds East, said that their last election defeat had been a catastrophe for Britain and a tragedy for the world.

In the next four years the Government would spend nearly all the money that had to be spent on the Trident programme.

"You need not waste time arguing about whether the savings from Trident go on conventional weapons or to social services. There will not be any because Mrs Thatcher is in power now."

Trident was not a deterrent but a recipe for permanent and humiliating dependence.

Embarking on their review, they could not hang a No Disturb notice on this part of policy.

A worldwide coalition was growing in favour of getting rid of nuclear weapons, a non-nuclear Nato strategy and only a British conventional contribution to defence.

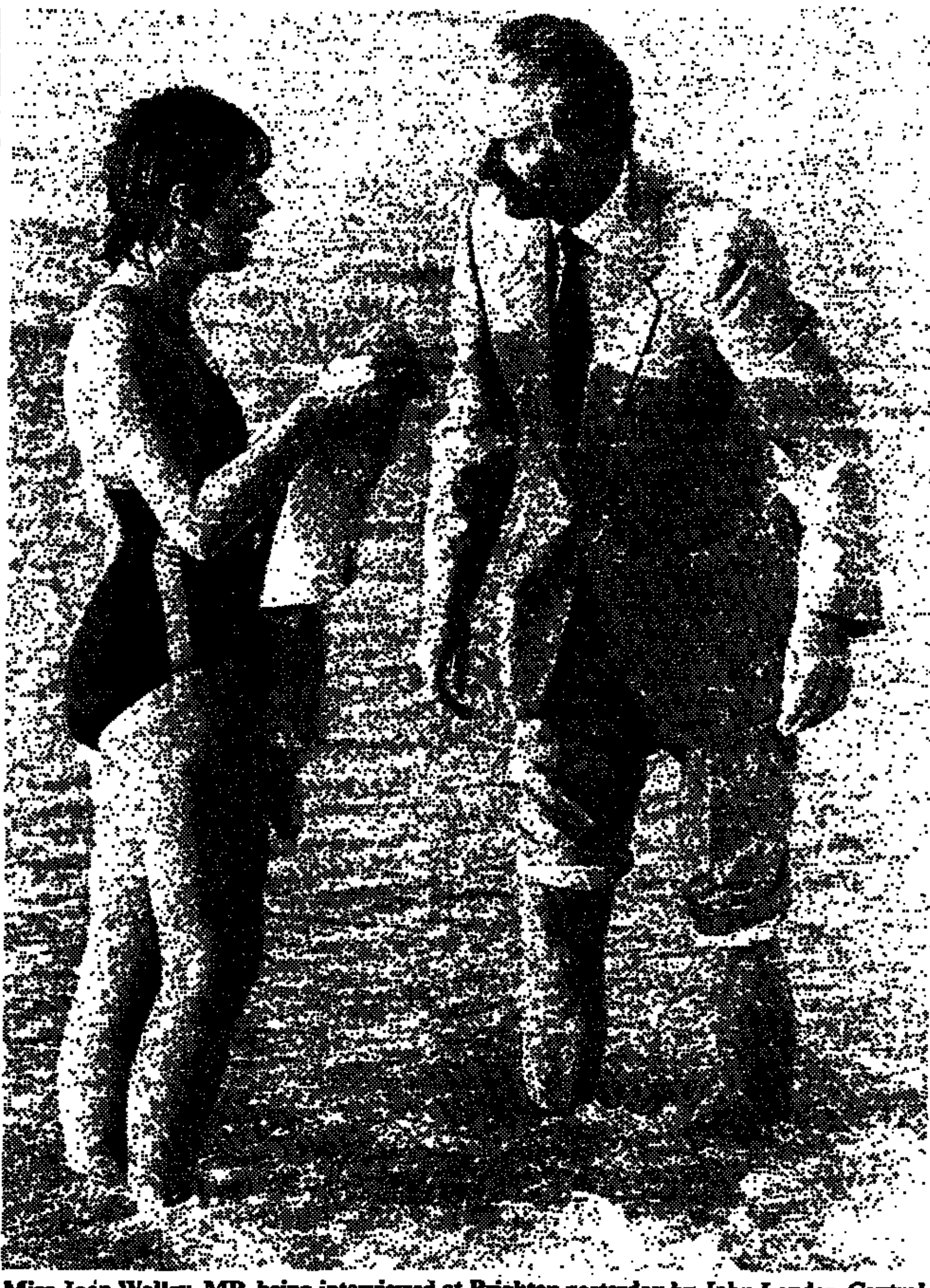
Their socialist colleagues in Europe believed that the only conceivable role for nuclear weapons was to deter their use by someone else. "Until we get international nuclear disarmament they think that road is essential. In that sense, they believe in the nuclear umbrella.

"Unless we take thier view seriously we will cut ourselves off from all our natural allies."

Miss Joan Ruddock, MP for Lewisham, Deptford, and former chairman of CND, said that the threatened use of nuclear weapons was incompatible with the fundamental issues of freedom, justice and democracy that the party stood for. They had to reaffirm their non-nuclear defence policy.

During the election they had promised that money saved from scapping Trident would be used for strengthening conventional arms. Today they knew that by 1991 that money would have been spent. They also knew that Mr Gorbachov was willing to make reductions in conventional forces.

"We have in Neil Kinnock a leader not prepared to use nuclear weapons and we are rightly proud of that", she said to cheers.



Miss Joan Walley, MP, being interviewed at Brighton yesterday by John Lander, Central TV's industrial correspondent (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Fury at Meacher attack on the minimum wage

Mr Michael Meacher, speaking for the national executive committee, provoked anger from delegates during the debate on the economy when he criticized a motion that called for an NEC policy for a national minimum wage, index-linked, of £120 a week.

There were cries of "shame" and "rubbish" as Mr Meacher, Opposition spokesman on employment, asked delegates to remit the motion on the ground that they were too far from the next election to fix a precise figure. His request was refused and the motion was overwhelmingly carried.

He was also jeered when he said that it was not practical to take back into public ownership all the industries privatized since 1979. A motion calling for this was rejected.

Moving the motion on low pay, **Miss Isabel Manley**, Skipton, said that Mr Neil Kinnock's references to the man on £400 a week must have impressed the millions of people on low pay (applause).

"Before we try to convince Bryan Gould's so-called prosperous majority, let us be sure we can convince those forced to live on low pay and state benefits to vote for us" (applause).

Miss Carole Roberton, Sunderland, moving the second motion, said that every post-war Labour government had been elected to office on a platform with a radical economic programme and had lost office when it had retreated from that.

Mr Meacher, replying to the debate, said that Labour's priority was to lay the foundations for a sustainable national growth for a sustainable personal prosperity.

That meant using the oil money for industrial reconstruction and a huge modernization programme of training and retraining.

The conference also passed a resolution calling for the review and updating of Labour's economic policies to ensure that an effective campaign could be mounted for the next election.

Reagan comes under fire

The British labour movement would never accept President Reagan's claim that Central America was his back yard, as if the people living there had no civil rights, Mr Tony Benn, MP for Chesterfield, said when he replied to a debate on the region.

He added that there was British collusion in American aggression causing death and destruction in Nicaragua.

There would be pressure in the general review of party policy for Britain to follow foreign policies less dominated by the United States and more non-aligned in character, to assist the development of peace.

They must never forget that millions of Americans were also opposed to the Reagan policies. He no more spoke for the real America than Mrs Thatcher did for the real Britain. They should pledge support for the people of Nicaragua.

A motion supporting the Nicaraguan revolution and calling on the British Government to withdraw training facilities for the Salvadorean army, was carried. It was moved by Mr Colin Wilson, Tass, who said that the isolation of the United States was now almost total.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP for Manchester Gorton, and parliamentary spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said that the Nicaraguan contras could not continue their operations without the continuing active support of Ronald Reagan.

The Americans had dismissed every Nicaraguan move towards implementation of the Guatemalan accord. What did they want — blood? It seemed that they did.

Support for sanctions

A motion calling for a campaign, in co-operation with the Anti-Apartheid Movement, to impose mandatory sanctions against South Africa and, pending election of a Labour government, to support "people's sanctions", received unanimous support.

Miss Barbara Switzer, TASS, proposing the motion, said that disinformation had been put out by the South African regime and the British Foreign Office that sanctions did not work and that black leaders did not support them. Such propaganda was untrue and designed to confuse the public.

Mr Chand Chopra, Chipping Barnett, seconding, said that the South African regime was getting so desperate that it was torturing children as young as seven years old. That showed its true colour and moral bankruptcy.

Mr Tony Clarke, for the NEC, said that the time for rhetoric had gone, now it was time for action.

Environment versus profit

The Labour Party could not protect the environment without realizing that short-term private profit was being put before the interests of the whole planet and the long-term wellbeing of all its creatures, Mrs Audrey Wise, MP for Preston, said when she wound up the environment debate for the NEC.

She asked the conference to accept a motion outlining a comprehensive policy to reduce pollution in rivers and seas and to stop raw sewage disposal into them.

Mrs Wise said that sewage in the wrong place and in a raw state was a foul waste, while correctly treated and in the right place, it was a valuable asset.

Miss Sue Thomas, South Suffolk, moving the resolution, said that they needed an environment-positive, employment-creating agriculture.

Mr Allan Roberts, Labour MP for Bootle, said that acid rain fell on the just and unjust but the trouble was that in Mrs Thatcher's Britain, the unjust had the just's umbrella.

The motion was carried.

Women in protest

The start of the afternoon session of the conference was delayed yesterday by women delegates crowding round the rostrum and refusing to disperse until the chairman agreed that they make a short statement.

They were protesting about a contradiction that had arisen over the presence of women on short lists for the selection of parliamentary candidates. The conference agreed earlier in the week that short lists should contain at least one woman, but also accepted that in seats with a Labour MP, he or she could be a short list of one.

The statement was made, the women accepted an invitation to meet Miss Joyce Gould, the party's director of organization, and the conference then went on unimpeded.

Business today

In the final session of the conference this morning, delegates are due to debate motions on electoral reform, black members and legal reform.

Security services criticized

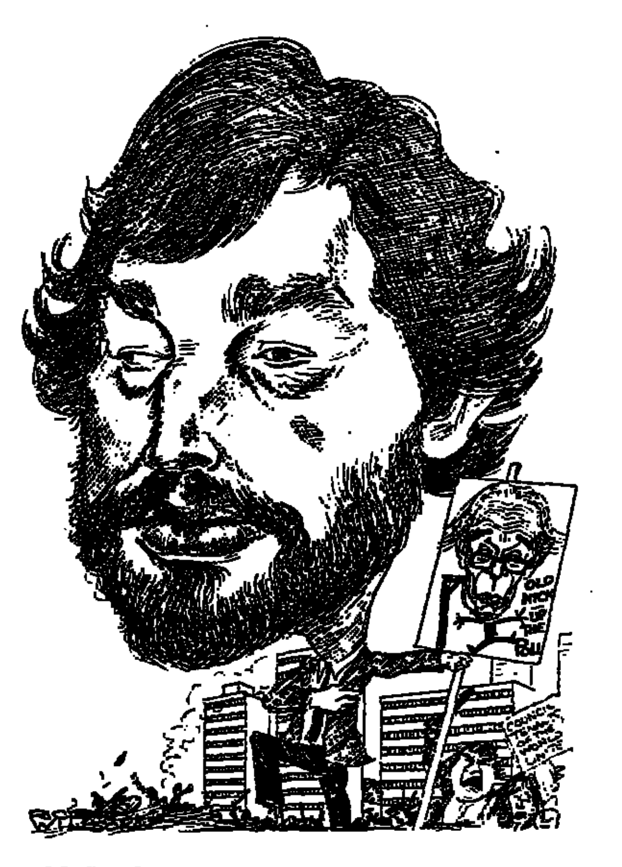
By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Mr Tam Dalyell suggested yesterday that the security services continued to act illegally and may have been involved during the miners' strike and the print dispute at Wapping.

Calling for an inquiry into the allegations made by Peter Wright in his book *Spycatcher*, Mr Dalyell said that the main beneficiary of the security services illegal activities to destabilize the Labour government of Harold Wilson had been Mrs Thatcher.

In an emergency statement to the party conference, he read a summary of parts of the book which had been discreetly on sale outside the conference centre. Mr Dalyell said: "Are any of us in this conference so naive as to think that all this unlawful activity has ceased?

The conference unanimously endorsed the NEC statement calling for an parliamentary inquiry and to establish procedures to subject the security services to democratic accountability.



Mr Blunkett: A reminder of the Peasants' Revolt.

POLL TAX

Party chiefs hint at revamped rates plus local income tax

By Nicholas Wood and Robert Morgan

Labour leaders floated the possibility yesterday of a local income tax to run alongside a revamped rating system as they pledged a big national campaign against the Government's proposals for a community charge.

Later, they said that the poll tax would lead to the downfall of the Thatcher Government and made clear that inside and outside Parliament the party's energies would be directed to making the issue the central thrust of their opposition to the Conservatives.

They also issued a learned warning to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, reminding him that the last attempt to introduce a poll tax had led in 1381 to the Peasants' Revolt. The man who introduced it was hung, drawn and quartered.

Mr David Blunkett, chairman of the party's local government committee and MP for Sheffield Brightside, told reporters after a passionate debate that it was not a question of the Labour Party versus the Tories but of the people versus the Tories.

But moves by the left to get the party to commit itself to breaking the law in an attempt to frustrate the Government's plans were roundly rejected by the conference.

During the debate Mr Blunkett condemned a clause in a resolution which would have committed Labour to giving total support to council workers in defence of their living standards.

Labour's leaders acknowledge that their efforts to overturn the Government's proposals are handicapped by the party's failure to put forward a clear alternative to the community charge.

The attempt to commit the party to unlawful action was led by Mr William Hamilton, a delegate from Glasgow Govan, who said:

"We want this legislation kicked out. The question is how do we force the Tories to do a U-turn? Recalling the rent strikes of 1915 that laid low Lloyd George's rent Act, he said that if it was necessary to break unjust laws, so be it.

The conference overwhelmingly endorsed a motion condemning the proposed community charge which, it said, violated every principle of fair taxation because it failed to take into account ability to pay.

It committed itself to campaigns at all levels of the party and the labour movement against the tax and endorsed setting up a working party to thrash out Labour's alternative proposals to the present rating system.

- Some workers are profiting from the privatization of council services by setting up their own companies to compete with existing contractors, a leading trade union leader admitted yesterday.

The candid disclosure to delegates came from Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, as he launched a savage attack on the Bill now at the committee stage in the Commons.

Delegates overwhelmingly backed a resolution condemning the Government's policies towards local government and calling for a national campaign against contracting out.

Call for housing policy review

A plea for a complete review of all the party's housing policies through consultation with representatives of the public and private sectors, local authorities, tenant associations, the Labour Party and the trade unions received unanimous support.

Mr George Brumwell, Ucatt, moving the resolution, said that houses built in the early 1950s to replace the slums were themselves becoming the slums of the 1980s.

That decline in the housing stock, particularly in council housing, had led to a crisis pointing to a clear need for a national plan to counteract it. The Government's latest White Paper on housing did nothing to solve the problems.

Mr Chris Holmes, Hampstead and Highgate, successfully moved a further resolution supporting the right of public sector tenants to participate in all decisions affecting their homes and estates.

He said that lengthening housing lists and worsening homelessness were part of the scene in towns thoughout Britain and Northern Ireland. Yet the word homelessness did not even appear in the 14-page White Paper.

Miss Jackie Field, Sheffield, seconding, said that there was a need for a campaign promoting alternative policies to Mrs Thatcher's right to buy, which would provide for all, owners or renters, a decent home of their choice.

Miss Brenda Buxton, City of London and Westminster, successfully moved an emergency resolution condemning a decision by Westminster City Council to sell 9,000 council flats while there were 10,000 on the housing waiting list and 800 homeless families were being "deported" from the borough. She said that represented Conservative inner-city policy in action.

Mr Clive Soley, shadow minister of housing, said that Government housing policy was bringing back the era of Rachman and *Cathy Come Home*. It involved abandoning the objective of good housing for all at an affordable price and choice between owning or renting.

"What choice does a redundant miner in South Wales have when he can sell his home for about £8,000 and he cannot buy one in London for much less than £100,000?" he said.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

Just how difficult it will be to change Labour defence policy was made abundantly clear in yesterday's debate. It was not just that resolutions were easily passed reaffirming the party's non-nuclear and unilateralist strategies.

The predominant tone in the debate, and even more the balance of applause, were unquestionably unilateralist.

Passion on this issue is still running strongly in the party and there will obviously be strong resistance to adjusting its stance for electoral reasons.

Yet the party leaders seem at last to be fully aware of the electoral consequences of not changing this of all policies. Mr Hattersley disclosed on BBC Television's *This Week Next Week* on Sunday that Labour's pollster, Mr Robert Worcester, had warned the party's strategy meeting ten days before the election in June that its defence policy was its greatest liability.

Mr Kinnock emphasised in his speech on Tuesday that the policy review that is now to be undertaken "will spread across the whole field of our policies". He was sending a deliberate signal that defence would be included in the process.

The intention seems to be to use changing circumstances as a justification for amending the party's policy. So much, it is said, will be different by 1991.

But what changes affecting nuclear weapons can reasonably be expected by the next election? Most of the money on the Trident programme will have been spent by then.

So it would no longer make sense, as Mr Denis Healey pointed out in yesterday's debate, to promise to switch resources from that weapon to something else — whether conventional forces or social services.

A further disarmament agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union is also possible, going on from an INF settlement to perhaps a 50 per cent cut in strategic arms.

These developments could logically justify a change of mind on the part of those whose objection to nuclear weapons is essentially tactical.

A further superpower agreement on nuclear weapons might well to my mind strengthen the case for a British deterrent. There might at such a time be growing anxiety that, in a mood of euphoria with the Soviet Union, the United States was weakening its commitment to the defence of Western Europe. All the more reason in those circumstances for those European countries which have nuclear weapons to keep them.

I doubt if that is how most Labour members will see it. They would be far more likely to believe that the new goodwill justified their old unilateralism. But the critical problem for Mr Kinnock is that he would not be qualified to use either argument for changing Labour's defence policy.

His objection to nuclear weapons has never been essentially tactical. "I would die for my country", he proclaimed to last year's conference. "But I would never allow my country to die for me".

The most reasonable interpretation of these words is that he regarded the possession of British nuclear weapons as jeopardising the fundamental security of the country.

If so, and Mr Kinnock gave every impression of holding this belief with passionate conviction, nothing would be changed either by the development of Trident or by further disarmament. If the possession of nuclear weapons really jeopardised British security there would still be no justification for having them.

Mr Kinnock seems therefore to be facing a terrible dilemma on defence. If he keeps a non-nuclear strategy, Labour will be stuck with a policy which the electorate is not prepared to accept.

But if he changes it he may be suspected of playing politics with the most critical of all issues for electoral purposes. That would hardly strengthen his standing as a potential Prime Minister.

Internal dispute warning

By Our Political Correspondent

Government plans for another round of trade union legislation would undermine internal discipline and lead to harassment from dissenting minorities within the movement, Labour Party delegates were warned yesterday.

The measures outlined in the Government's Green Paper *Trade Unions and their Members* were described as yet another attempt to crush the movement.

Mr Eddie Haigh, for the NEC, said: "They are so blatantly vindictive. Having failed to crush the unions through curbs on bargaining and organization, they now plan to undermine the unions' internal discipline by putting legal weapons into the hands of dissenting minorities."

The conference overwhelmingly reaffirmed its commitment to repeal all anti-trade union legislation introduced since Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979.

It also voted for maximum union organization of temporary and part-time workers.

Conference reports by Robert Morgan, John Winder, Anthony Hodges and Peter Mulligan

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Family group urges Thatcher to fight social disorder risk

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Immediate action by the Government is needed to protect family life in order to avoid civil disorder on an "unprecedented scale", the National Campaign for the Family said yesterday.

The group, which had its official launch in London yesterday, called on the Prime Minister to take personal responsiblity for family welfare and family policy. This should include scrutiny of all legislation and its potential impact on marriage and family life.

The campaign was initially formed in February last year, and is backed by the Salvation Army and the National Campaign for Law and Order.

The chairman of the campaign, Professor Richard Whitfield, said: "We would urge the Prime Minister to personally co-ordinate family policy in the same way as she has done for inner cities".

Professor Whitfield, emeritus professor of education at Aston University, said a permanent royal commission should be set up for marriage and the family, which would report regularly direct to Parliament.

The campaign, which wants to see changes in tax benefits to support marital and family institutions, argues that family breakdown is the prime reason for social problems such as violence, crime, Aids and youth alienation.

Professor Whitfield said: "The situation is already extremely serious. England and Wales are top of the European divorce league with more than 150,000 couples divorcing every year, representing about 60 per cent of first time marriages.

"Every working day 900 children under 18 become victims of parental divorce."

One in five children was born out of wedlock and one family in seven is headed by a lone parent, double the proportion since 1966.

Juvenile crime and emotional problems amone young children had increased and alcohol, solvent and other drug abuses were prevalent among juveniles.

"The common denominator in all of our most pressing social problems is the breakdown of sensitive, informed and committed family based care."

Professor Whitfield said politicians of all parties had only a generation to redirect policies. He said: "Complacency will only bequeath unmanageable social institutions and angry personal and civil disorder on an unprecedented and terrifying scale".

A book published by the campaign yesterday suggests action the Government could take to prevent further family breakdown. Miss Angela Ellis-Jones, a City analyst, calls for the introduction of a married person's allowance alongside other allowances in any future tax changes and higher child benefit for parents who are married or widowed. "The present tax system quite unfairly discriminates against married couples in favour of single cohabitees", she writes in the book.

Mr George Brown, a barrister, argues that the ability to have a divorce after only one year of marriage discourages people from working at relationships.

Professor Whitfield said proposals to reduce or tax child benefit would further undermine parenthood by implying that it had no economic value.

Families Matter — Towards a programme of action (The National Family Trust, c/o The Salvation Army, 101 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4P 4EP; £5.65).

Award for brave rescue

Jeffrey Brocklehurst, aged 10, with the ambulanceman who rescued him from high voltage cables on top of a moving railway wagon, where he had climbed after hearing other boys call for help. Mr Desmond Foster, based at Stretford, Manchester, was yesterday presented with the Ambulance Service Institute award for exceptional personal bravery while on duty, the first to receive it. The boy got a shock from overhead power lines and became entangled when the train moved off. His clothes were on fire. Mr Foster clambered on board and managed to free Jeffrey and throw him to a colleague. Surgeons fought for five weeks to save the boy (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Managers to strike at 400 public houses

By Craig Seton

Between 300 and 400 public houses across the Midlands are expected to be closed on Sunday because of strikes by their managers.

Mr Albert Carter, the Midlands organizer of the National Association of Licensed House Managers, said 400 of his members had voted by a two-to-one majority for industrial action over demands to cut their working week.

He said Mitchells and Butlers, the brewers, had refused his members' offer to go to arbitration.

A Mitchells and Butlers spokesman said 85 per cent of its 2,200 public houses would be unaffected by the strike. The company had undertaken to discuss working hours once the Government's proposals for relaxing licensing hours were known.

● Ulster publicans are setting up a monitoring unit to study changes brought about by Sunday opening. As new licensing laws came into effect yesterday, the chairman of the Federation of the Retail Licensed Trade in Northern Ireland, Mr Gordon Harvey, said: "We do not think there will be an increase in alcoholism".

He expected Sunday opening — for the first time in 60 years — to result in a shift of drinking patterns, rather than an increase in consumption.

Police are blamed for killing by Ryan

By Howard Foster

A second widow is to complain to Thames Valley Police that they directed her husband into the path of the mass killer, Michael Ryan, during the Hungerford shootings.

Mrs Marlyne Vardy claimed yesterday that police stopped her husband, Mr Eric Vardy, a van driver, from driving 50 yards to a safe area and he was diverted into danger. Mr Vardy, aged 51, died from a bullet wound in the neck.

The Police Complaints Authority has already received similar allegations from Mrs Elizabeth Playle, widow of Mr Ian Playle, a court clerk who was shot dead by Ryan after he was turned back at a police roadblock and tried to find another route.

Mrs Vardy, of Wantage Road, Great Shefford, Berkshire, waited until after the inquest on Ryan's victims in Hungerford before deciding on her action.

"Having sat through the four days of evidence...I feel that had the police acted differently my husband might still be alive", she said yesterday.

"When the roadblock was set up at the end of Park Street, Hungerford, the police knew there was an incident involving an armed man. I cannot understand why they did not stop and turn back all traffic going up the High Street in a southerly direction.

"At the inquest it was stated that there was not enough manpower to set up sufficient roadblocks. But the police had only to block the High Street just north of Park Street which would have required no more men than were used for blocking Park Street itself.

"I shall be making a written complaint to the Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police and to the Police Complaints Authority."

● A knowledge of Michael Ryan's mental state would have been of no use in predicting the "dreadful outcome" of his condition, a consultant psychiatrist says in *The Lancet* today.

The factors which separate the small minority of the mentally abnormal who commit violent crimes from those who do not, are unknown, Mr Simon Wessley says in a letter to the journal.

Hume sets moral agenda

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The well-being of family life should be one of the central aims of social policy, Cardinal Basil Hume has declared in a wide-ranging statement setting out the moral agenda for the Roman Catholic Church's future relations with British society.

His statement was issued in London yesterday to mark the opening of an international synod of bishops in Rome, which he is attending. He said he expected many of the topics he was raising to be debated during the synod.

"The family is crucial", the cardinal stated. "It is an axiom of Catholic social teaching, as well as a matter of public recognition, that families are the basic units of society; what is bad for families is bad for society."

Many other bodies and individuals agreed with the Catholic Church in regarding "the good of family life and marriage as a central element in moral attitudes and perspectives".

The Government had to have a "coherent family policy".

In a passage which seemed to imply criticism of some aspects of Conservative Party thinking, he went on: "If full employment is at present, and possibly in the future, beyond what governments can achieve, it is all the more important that decent family housing, adequate family income and access to good standards of health and social services should be practically and immediately available to all."

That was not to be placed second to fostering a spirit of enterprise or rewarding initiative, but was equally important.

The lowering of sexual standards was also having a harmful impact on family life, and the advent of Aids had demonstrated that sexual immorality could affect the physical health and social structures of a whole society. A sense of responsibility to others, to society, spouses, and children should make it clear that such standards were not obsessive or out of date.

Mr David Alton's private member's Bill to lower the time limit for abortion should be energetically supported by all who cared about the future well-being of society, the cardinal said.

Sir Thomas gets out of the firing line

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, yesterday cleared his desk and handed over an in-tray of problems to Mr Allan Green, QC, his successor as Director of Public Prosecutions.

The new crown prosecution service — exactly one year old yesterday — still has an acute staffing shortage and requires a massive recruitment drive.

A hard fight is looming with the Treasury for an increase in the service's £152 million budget; and there is a big public relations exercise to be done in selling the much-criticized service to the public.

But Sir Thomas, who is aged 62 and put off his retirement to see in the new service, is understandably not discontented with what he has achieved.

He had hoped for more people in post, but he estimates it will take five years to "get all the right people in place" so that there was not undue reliance on agents from the private profession.

Sir Thomas (Tony) held his post in the front-line of the criminal justice system for 10 years, during which it changed from being a small but key position to being head of a 3,000-strong national prosecuting service.

In his time he has had plenty of flak, has been accused of incompetence and faced calls to resign. Prosecutions before the courts in the past decade have included Jeremy Thorpe, the Yorkshire Ripper, Dr Leonard Arthur, Clive Ponting and the Cyprus servicemen — all but one of which resulted in acquittals.

Until now he has been unable to speak out or comment. But this week he cast off his Civil Service neutrality and spoke on the issues facing the criminal justice system.

He favours abolition of the suspect's right to silence, and the defendant's right to challenge, a prosecution right of appeal against lenient sentences, and abolition of jury trials for fraud and commercial crime.

As a father and grandfather he would like video tape links used in child abuse cases and for taking evidence from abroad.

He supports random checks of jurors to stamp out jury nobbling, which had been a particular problem in London, and a matter of concern for many years.

He does not regret bringing any of the controversial prosecutions, in spite of the acquittals, and would do the same again, given the evidence available at the time. But in one case — that of Dr Leonard Arthur, accused of murdering a Down's syndrome baby — he says he would not have charged murder had he had the medical evidence that came out in the trial.

In spite of being accused of incompetence and facing calls to resign he says: "The job has been fun; I enjoyed it and I shall miss it. I like to live dangerously, even if I am a canny Scot, and although I don't run up over the parapet unnecessarily, I don't mind being in the firing line."

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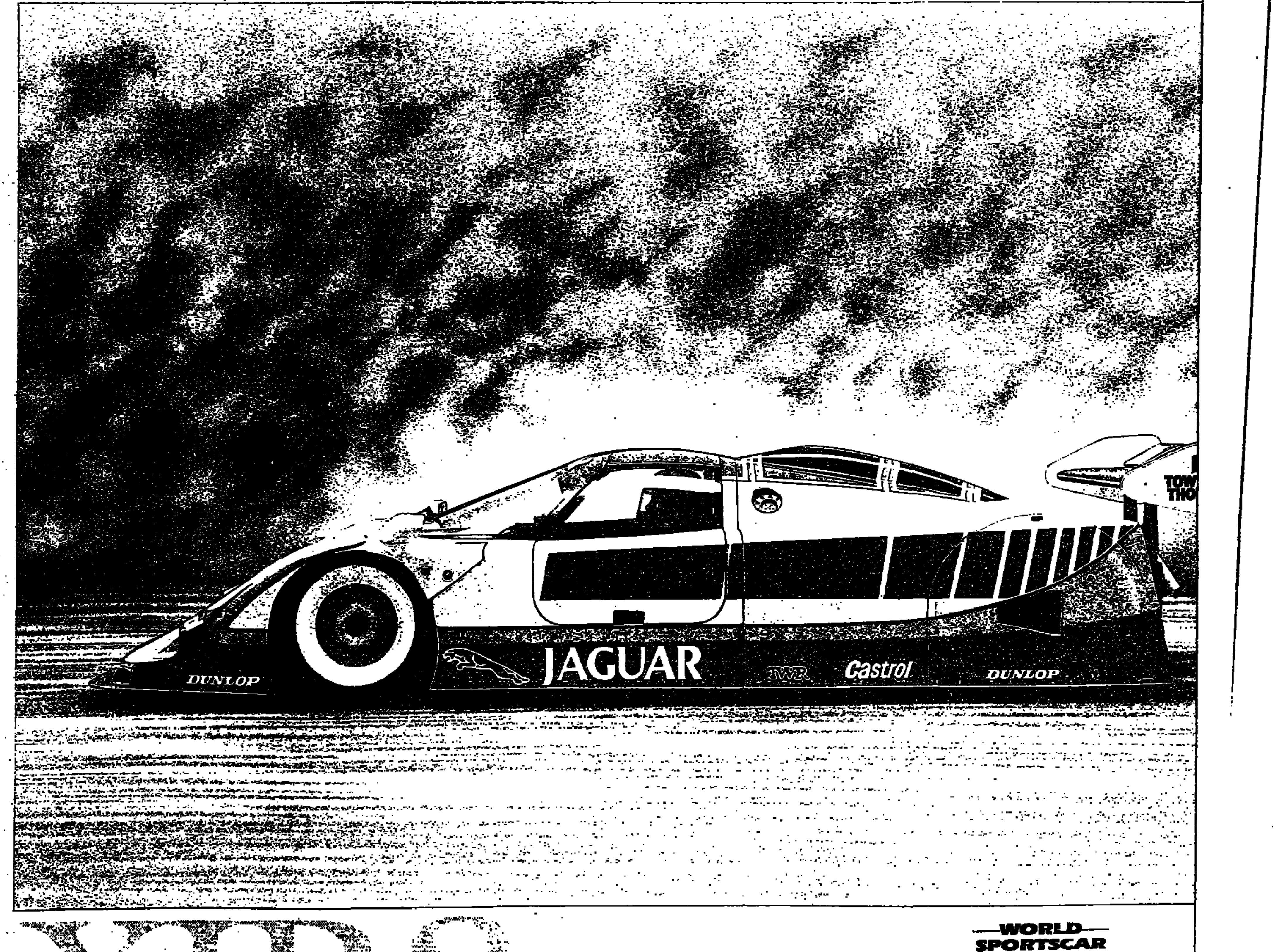

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Health chiefs call for extra £935m to avert cuts

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities have called for an extra £935 million to be spent on hospital and community services next year to prevent further cuts in services, nearly double the amount allowed for the health service in this year's public expenditure White Paper.

In its autumn survey published yesterday, the National Association of Health Authorities says most authorities are facing severe financial difficulties, resulting in cancelled and deferred developments, recruitment freezes and panic accounting measures such as transferring capital to revenue.

All 106 health authorities, which responded to the NAHA survey said they were under extreme financial pressure because of underfunding of pay and price inflation, the rising costs of new technology treatments and pressure to increase the number of patients treated.

"It is essential that revenue cash limits are increased to enable health authorities to maintain services and press ahead with policy initiatives", the director of the association, Mr Philip Hunt, said yesterday.

Already 26 districts had cut services, 24 had reduced staff numbers and a further 26 had frozen staff recruitment.

The latest round of cuts has been condemned by health service unions and community health councils.

St Paul's Hospital in Liverpool, an important eye treatment centre, is to close a ward every weekend and over Christmas — in spite of lengthening waiting lists — because its budget has been overspent by £55,000.

From December 12 to January 3 next year, only emergency surgery will be performed and one ward will close completely.

Hospital managers in Paddington and North Kensington in London are also drawing up a package of service cuts to stave off overexpenditure of £3.2 million. The cuts could involve hospital and ward closures.

Service restrictions are being planned at the Royal Northern Hospital in Islington, north London, and at three hospitals run by the North-west Surrey Health Authority.

St Paul's Hospital, which performs 1,100 cataract operations a year, announced yesterday that it had exceeded its budget because it was using a more expensive technique called intra-occular implants. This involves inserting a plastic lens into the eye so that the patient does not have to wear thick glasses.

Dr Henry Goldsmith, unit general manager, said the hospital had not been allocated extra money to fund the £130 operation. "Unless we can raise extra money through closing wards during less busy periods, we will not be able to afford to carry out any more of these operations", he said.

The Confederation of Health Service Employees said the cuts could jeopardize the future of St Paul's Hospital and result in increased waiting lists. "I am appalled by this decision, especially when the Government claims it is trying to reduce waiting lists", one of the union's regional officers, Mr Bill Berry, said.

Dr Goldsmith denied there would be a significant increase in waiting lists. "The ward is two-thirds empty over the weekend and we will lose only eight working days over Christmas."

Emergency proposals to cut services in Paddington and North Kensington, London, have also angered the local community health council. It said proposed cuts would affect patients, but not meet the £3.2 million overspend.

The Autumn Survey 1987. The financial position of district health authorities (NAHA, Garth House, 47 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RS; £3.50).

Home lamb costs less this weekend

Home produced lamb prices are competitive this week, with most cuts down 3-4p a lb. The average price of whole leg is £1.62 a lb, whole shoulder, 94p a lb and loin chops, £1.93 a lb.

Although beef topside and silverside is up slightly to an average of £2.19 a lb, there are good offers available on rump steak, brisket and braising steak. Stable pork prices make it a reliable weekend buy.

Some good meat and poultry offers at supermarkets this week are Sainsbury's rump steak at £1.98 a lb, whole fresh chicken up to 3½lbs in weight, 59p a lb and larger birds, 69p a lb; Presto rolled topside and silverside, £1.88 a lb and New Zealand lamb chops, £1.28 a lb; Tesco home produced leg of lamb, £1.49 a lb and fresh whole roast chicken, 99p a lb.

Asda whole fresh chickens up to 3lb 15oz are 58p a lb, and British lamb chops are £1.39 a lb; Bejam Sunbird chickens, 45p a lb and New Zealand lamb legs, 99p a lb.

There are excellent supplies of superb plaice at Billingsgate this week. On the bone it costs about £1.45 a lb, filleted between £2.45 and £2.85 depending on size.

Dover sole are so fresh that fishmongers suggest keeping them in the refrigerator for two to three days before eating. They are expensive, selling at about £5.75 a lb.

Whole farm salmon at about £2.40 for a small fish, and large sea reared rainbow trout at £2.60 a lb, are good value. Cod and codling are plentiful, but fractionally more expensive than last week. Whiting and coley are down 5-6p a lb and good herring landings make it a national best buy at 40p-£1.35 a lb.

Spanish and Italian grapes cost between 50p and 80p a lb and the Thompson seedless variety from Greece, 60-80p a lb. English Cox's apples are 36-50p a lb, French Golden Delicious apples, 20-40p a lb.

Peaches, at 10-18p each, are past their best. English Marjory seedling plums are 35-45p a lb. Kiwi fruit are cheap from 12p each; avocados from South Africa, Mexico and Brazil are between 25p and 60p each, depending on size. Look out for the first pomegranates, at 20-30p each.

Cauliflowers are 30-50p each; courgettes, 40-60p a lb; sweetcorn, 12-25p each; mushrooms, 35-60p a ½lb; parsnips, 15-35p; carrots, 14-24p; Brussels sprouts, 25-40p a lb; and potatoes 8-14p, are all good quality. Kent cobs are about £[illegible] a lb.

Tomatoes are about 30p a lb; iceberg lettuce, 55-85p each; celery, 20-45p a head; chinese leaves, 40-75p a head; and spring onions, 20-35p a bunch.

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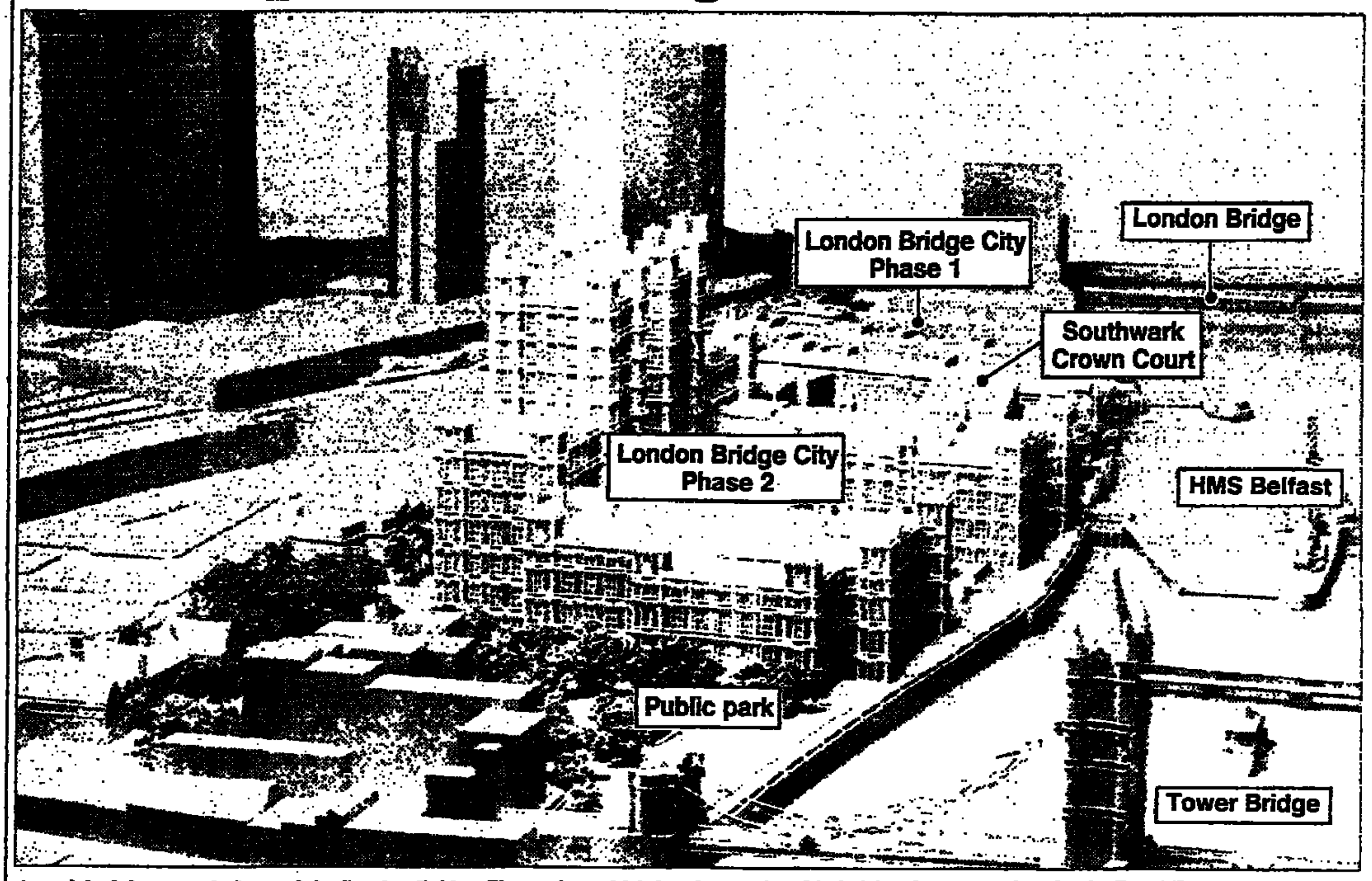

A model of the second phase of the London Bridge City project which has been reduced in height after suggestions by the Royal Fine Art Commission

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

A £200 million office development scheme for the south bank of the Thames, opposite the Tower of London and next to Tower Bridge, is to be submitted for planning permission this month.

The design has been modified to take into account comments by the Royal Fine Art Commission on the height of the block, which has reduced from 300ft to 260ft, and on the elevational treatment of the ground and top floors.

The scheme, designed by the American architects, John Burgee & Philip Johnson, of New York, with D Y Davies Associates, of Richmond, west London, as executive architects, is the second phase of the massive London Bridge City project by St Martins Property Corporation.

Tenants in the fully-let first phase, of one million square feet, are paying between £18 and £26 per square foot, less than half the going City rate.

The London Docklands Development Corporation has already granted outline planning approval but detailed permission for the 1.5 million square feet of offices is by no means guaranteed when the corporation's planning committee meets on October 13.

The corporation is believed to have reservations about the scale of the building at the back, on Tooley Street, which is five-six storeys, the unusual double-height proportions of the windows, and the density of the development within its immediate urban context.

Artists rescue gallery

A group of dealers and artists and collectors has raised enough money to save the art gallery at Riverside Studios in Hammersmith, west London, for a year. It faced closure after Hammersmith council cut its £50,000 grant (Our Art Market Correspondent writes).

It provides a public venue for young unknown artists and was saved mainly through the initiative of Mr Karsten Schubert, a dealer.

"I approached a number of people in the art world, such as Lynne Cooke, the critic, Jacqueline de Botton the collector and Bruce McLean the artist, and we all approached the rich people we knew", he said yesterday.

By August he had raised £30,000 from such artists as Anthony Caro, Richard Deacon and Anthony Gormley, and dealers including Nigel Greenwood and Anthony D'Offay.

Curiosity draws the tourists to Ulster

By John Cooney

Nearly half of holidaymakers visiting Northern Ireland come to find out what life is like in a politically divided society, an opinion poll has disclosed.

The first extensive poll on tourism in the province shows that if people visiting primarily to see relatives are discounted, curiosity was the factor that attracted 23 per cent of holidaymakers last year.

Twelve per cent came to see if the media portrayal of Northern Ireland as a strife-torn society was true and 9 per cent said they had an interest in politics and Irish history.

Mr Cathal Mullaghan, an executive with the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, said: "Their preconceived idea was of a strife-torn way of life. But by the time they left they were pleasantly surprised by the perceived level of normality."

The poll showed that 35 per cent of the visitors were attracted by the countryside.

The most popular areas were the Antrim coast, the Giant's Causeway and Co Fermanagh. Golf and fishing facilities were of sufficient calibre to attract more single-minded sports tourists.

Mr Mullaghan said that visitors from the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe viewed Ireland, north and south, as a single tourist entity.

But holiday visitors from Britain tended to differentiate between the north and the south and tended not to visit both areas.

Sir John Swinson, chairman of the tourist board, predicted a 6 per cent increase this year on the 1986 total of 824,100 visitors.

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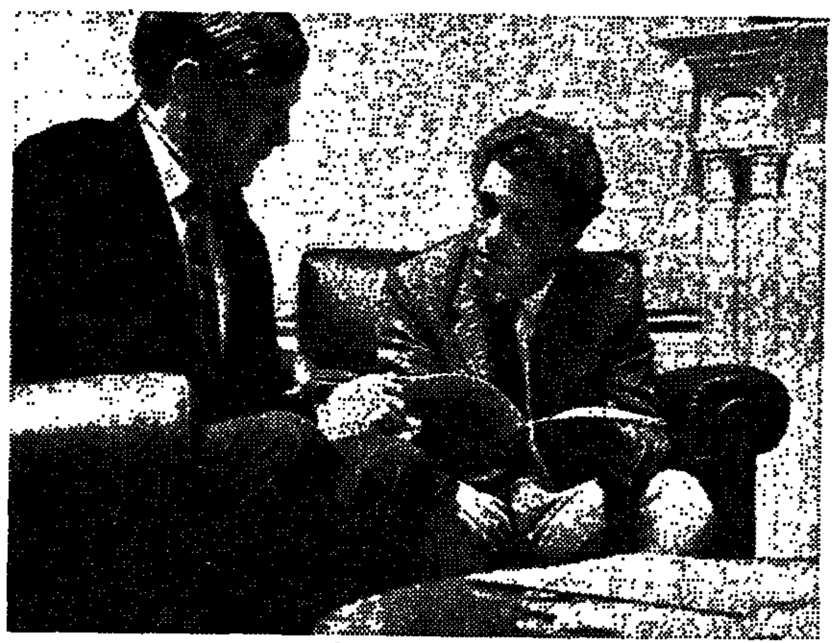

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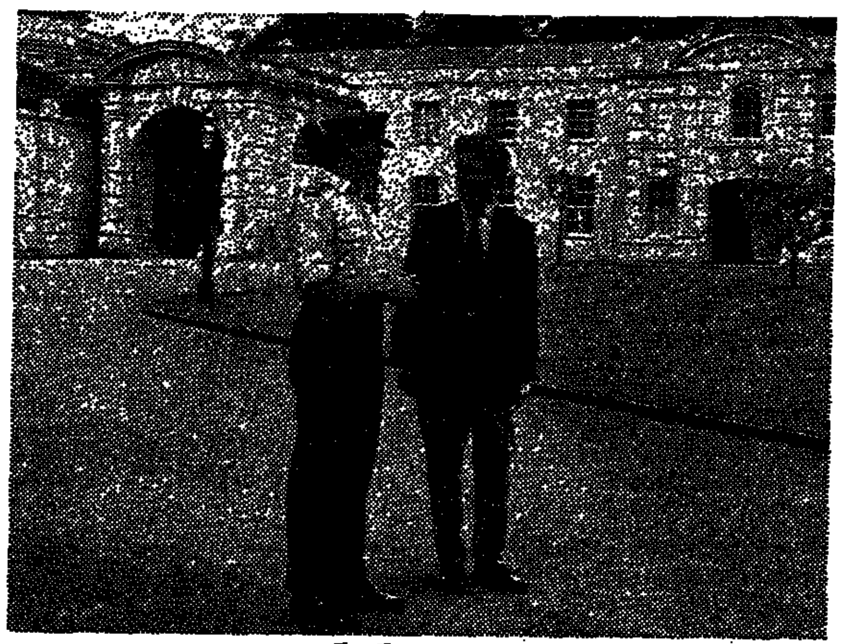

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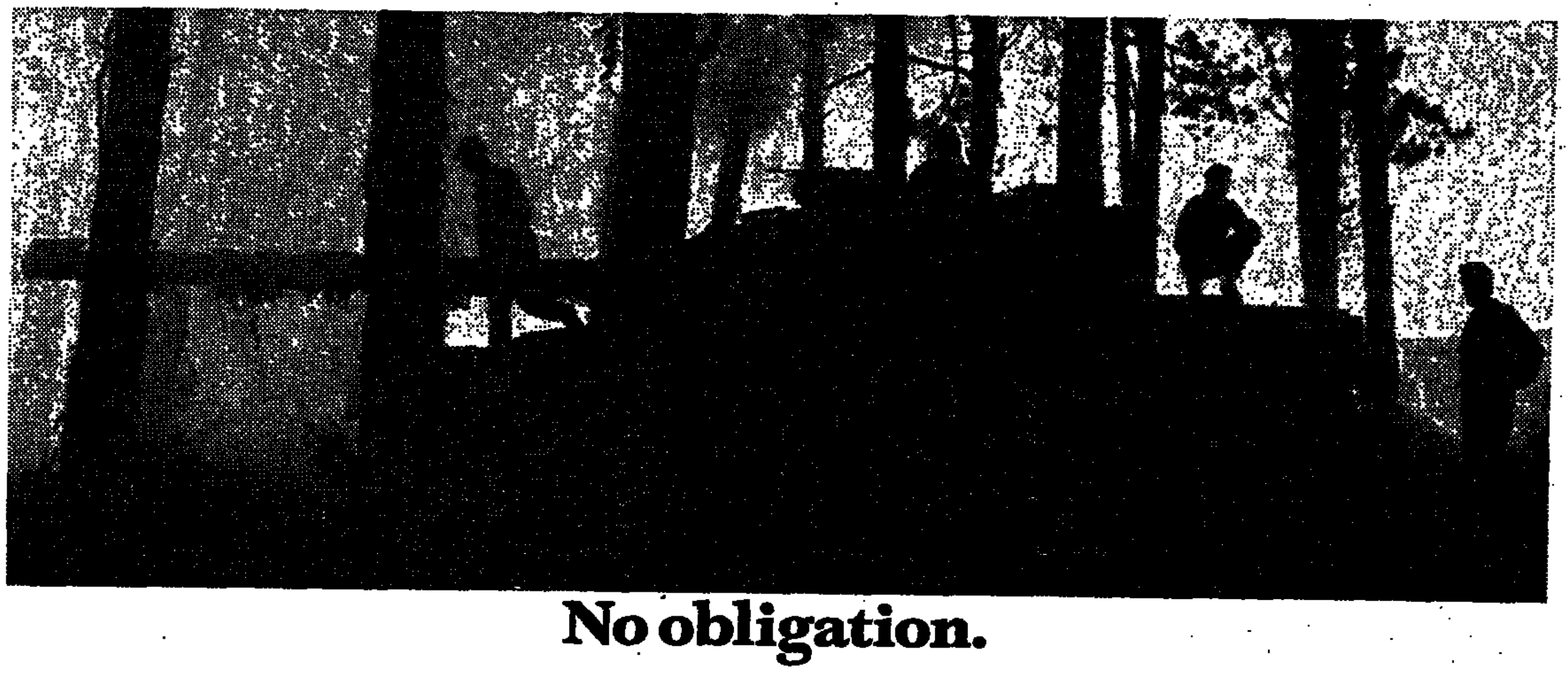

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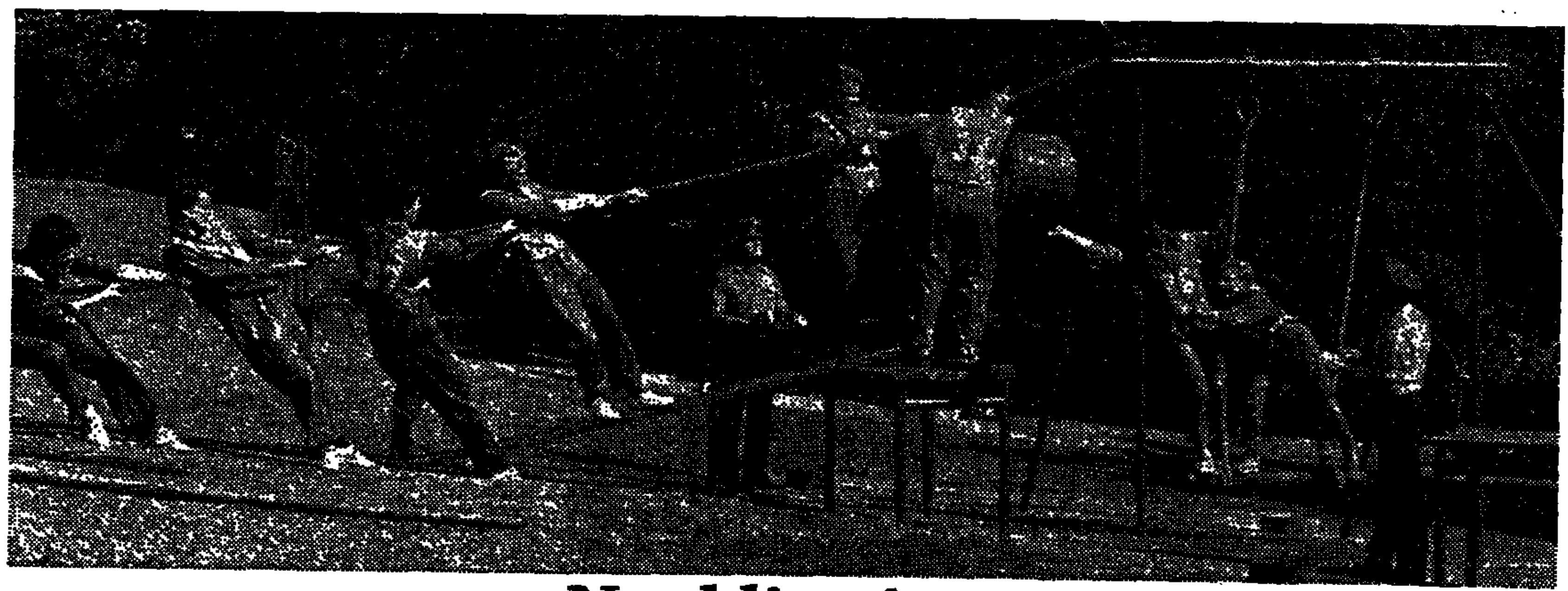

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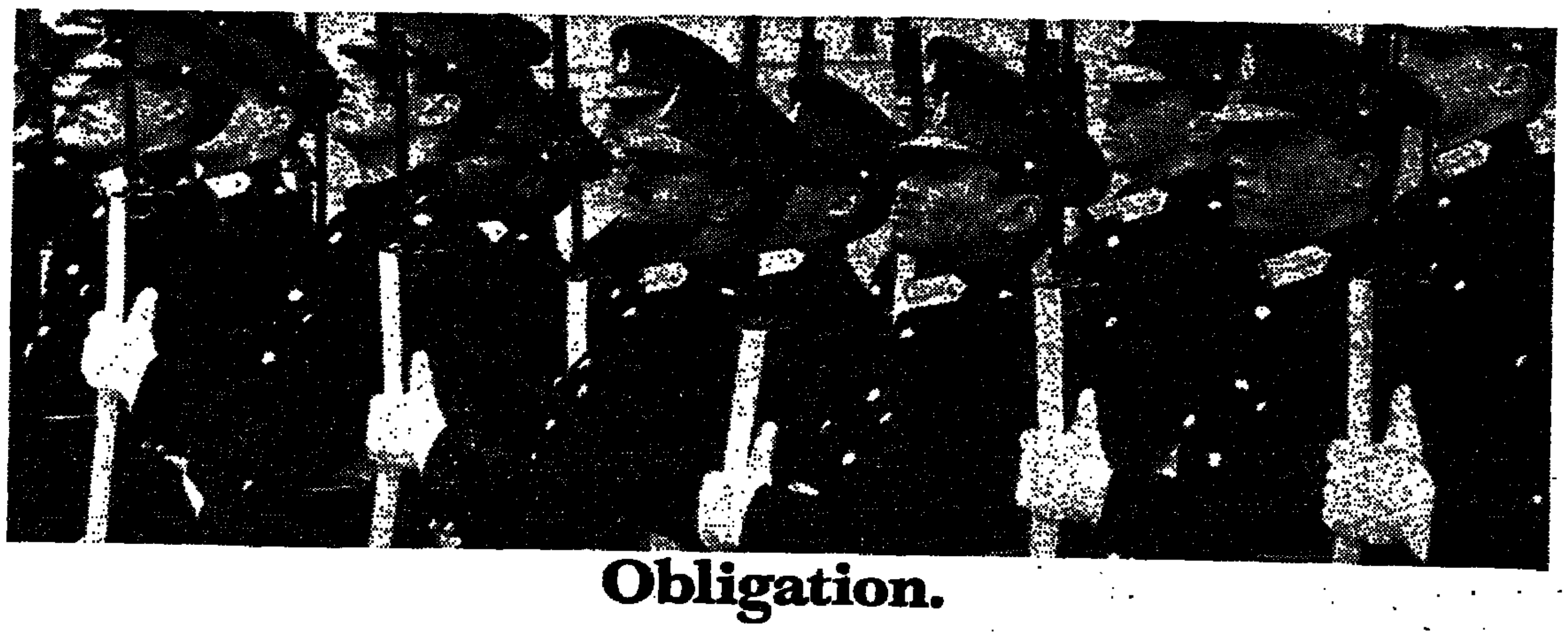

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WORLD SUMMARY

Irishman claims he murdered 13

Athens — Mr James Godfried, aged 49, an Irishman being held on charges of strangling an American woman on the resort island of Mykonos, told police yesterday that he had killed a total of 13 women, including five in Greece this summer (A Correspondent writes). But Mr Godfried, from Ewell, Surrey, who was being questioned about the disappearance last month of a Greek woman on Mykonos, has refused to give any names.

Mr Godfried, released from prison in Britain on health grounds last year while serving a 14-year sentence for rape, admitted that he hit Nancy Lyn Connor with his car on September 18, and told police where to find her body.

Under heavy guard, Mr Godfried was taken yesterday by ferry to the island of Syros, the judicial centre for the Cyclades Islands. He is to appear before a public prosecutor today to be charged with the murder of Miss Connor.

Pretoria's jet denial

Johannesburg — South Africa denied yesterday that one of its Air Force Mirage jets had been shot down over southern Angola, where Angola Government troops are reported to have launched an offensive to crush the Unita rebel movement of Dr Jonas Savimbi (Ray Kennedy writes).

The South African Broadcasting Corporation said that the claim, made by Radio Angola, coincided with reports that Unita was fending off the attack.

Two columns of South African troops, supported by armoured cars, were said to be fighting alongside Unita forces in the Ngiva region of southern Angola and to have penetrated 125 miles to help Unita against advancing government forces.

EEC cash crisis

Brussels — The EEC was plunged into a financial and institutional crisis yesterday as budget ministers meeting in Luxembourg failed to agree on a draft budget for 1988 (Richard Owen writes).

The deadline for agreement is Monday, when the European Parliament's budget committee was to have scrutinized the draft. Officials say that the EEC now seems certain to run out of cash by the end of the year. It would be up to the EEC summit meeting in Copenhagen in early December to try to sort out its finances.

Mrs Thatcher is insisting that the EEC cannot exceed its present ceiling of 1.4 per cent on VAT contributions, which produce a budget of nearly £25 billion. Officials say this is inadequate.

Tension on glacier

Delhi — Border tension in the Siachen Glacier region of northern Kashmir, where Indian and Pakistani troops clashed last week, is still running high (Kuldip Nayar writes). India fears that Pakistan will launch an attack to avenge last week's defeat, inwhich Pakistan is reported to have lost 150 men.

● **ISLAMABAD:** Mr Naeem Mahmud, Pakistan's Defence Minister, told Parliament yesterday that Pakistani troops were capable of inflicting heavy casualties in defence of their position (Hasan Akhtar writes). He said Indian figures of casualties were preposterous.

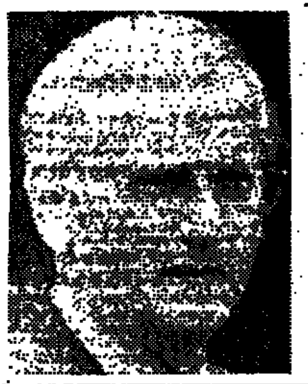
Boeing loses skin

Tokyo — All Boeing 767 aircraft flying with Japanese airlines are to be inspected after a new machine on its first scheduled flight shed 15 ft of skin from its right flap (David Watts writes).

The plane, one of four in service with All Nippon Airways, was on its way from Tokyo to Hakodate on the northern island of Hokkaido when the pilot felt vibrations. It landed without incident, but was then found to have lost a strip of fibre-reinforced plastic.

The incident has been reported both to Boeing and to the Italian manufacturers of the flaps.

Swearing-in delayed



Washington — Judge William Sessions, left, the Texas conservative taken ill yesterday while flying to be sworn in as the fourth Director of the FBI, is in good spirits (Christopher Thomas writes). The swearing-in, which President Reagan was to have attended, has been delayed indefinitely. The Attorney General, Mr Edwin Meese, said after visiting him at George Washington University Hospital: "He is not gravely ill".

Fijian trust in tribal chiefs may help end crisis

From Stephen Taylor, Suva

Fijian traditions and the authority of tribal chiefs — rather than the rule of the gun — are emerging as the forces that will resolve the island nation's constitutional crisis.

The point was underlined by a prominent Fijian yesterday. Asked how a chief would traditionally have dealt with an unruly warrior, he said: "Well, he would have had him clubbed and put in a *lovo* (cooking pit). Then he would eat him."

The remark was only partly tongue-in-cheek. Cannibalism — commonplace during the constant fratricidal conflicts of the 19th century in Fiji — has long since disappeared. But the unquestioned authority of chiefs who could order death with a word is still a primary social force.

In the present four-month-long trial of strength between duty and power, both sides have turned to traditional power bases. What makes the struggle intriguing, as well as tense, is that both sides are also asserting a cultural imperative.

On the one hand, the forces of duty, as represented by Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Governor-General, are banking on the imperative of paramountcy. There are four paramount chiefs in Fiji, including Ratu Ganilau, who cling to the links with the Crown, and resist the idea of Fiji becoming a republic.

On the other hand, minor chiefs within Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka's forces and the Taukei Movement assert that there is a higher imperative — the survival of Fijian culture, which is held to have been endangered by the 1970 Constitution.

In purely numerical terms it might be that in the Great Council of Chiefs, the forum of traditional society, a majority would respond to the powerful emotional forces unleashed by the Taukei Movement.

The Taukei represents also a racist element which would be content to see the disappearance of commerce and the Indians, and a reversion to the club and the coconut.

Ratu Meli Vesikula, a senior Taukei official, articulates the break between the paramounts and minor chiefs. "We have always carried our chiefs with our heads down and uncomplaining. Now we are asking where it has taken us."

Considering the extent of the Fijian upheaval, the process has been remarkably free of violence so far, but a senior official in the Department of Fijian Affairs cautions: "You must remember, ours was a very violent society. Our rituals helped keep it under control — ceremonial drinking of *kava* and other communal practices. So does rugby. But the dark currents are still there."

Support for Colonel Rabuka's actions is found among the minor chiefs who number well over 100 and form a class of landowners.

But at a higher level, the picture is less clear. The 40 or 50 provincial chiefs tend to look for guidance to the four titled paramounts.

These are the *Vunivalu*, the *Tui Cakau*, the *Tui Navau* and the *Roko Tui Dreketi*. There is some confusion about the position of the *Vunivalu*, Ratu George Cakobau, but the remaining three are implacably opposed to the republican option. They are, respectively, Ratu Ganilau himself, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, and Lady Mara.

Younger in Paris talks

Britain vows to keep up momentum over planned nuclear ties

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, now plans to meet his French counterpart on a regular basis to "keep up the momentum" of talks about forming closer nuclear links between Britain and France, British sources confirmed yesterday.

Mr Younger, who has already met M André Giraud, the French Defence Minister, for several private sessions this year, flew to Paris yesterday for a brief visit. His talks with M Giraud included "nuclear matters", the sources said.

Following the report in *The Times* yesterday, Ministry of Defence sources in London confirmed that on the nuclear question there was "all to play for", including the possibility of linking nuclear submarine patrols, although that was "a long way off". They said that the relationship with the French was "growing and growing".

In Paris, after yesterday's meeting, French sources said that M Giraud wanted the discussions between Europe's two nuclear powers to be extended into a more concrete agreement on co-operation.

The sources said that he was looking for more frequent meetings, perhaps even once a month, to accelerate the process.

Mr Younger, who has developed a warm rapport with M Giraud, is known to be a keen supporter of closer ties between Britain and France over future nuclear strategy.

Yesterday Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Secretary of State for Defence, said he warmly welcomed any moves to forge closer nuclear ties with France.

Moscow — The Soviet Union and the US appeared yesterday to be edging towards the first formal meeting between their defence ministers, (Reuter reports). Mr Dmitry Yazov reportedly invited his US counterpart, Mr Caspar Weinberger, to meet him in Geneva to discuss a possible US visit.

"I'm sure there will be difficulties. But I can't see any political barrier or intellectual hurdle for having these exploratory talks," he said.

Mr Heseltine said that if there was any question of Britain and France getting together to develop a joint deterrent for the period after the Trident system had run its course, it would be necessary to spend many years working on such a project. So it was important now to hold discussions to build up familiarity on both sides.

Dr David Owen, the former Social Democratic Party leader, who is a strong advocate of Anglo-French nuclear ties, also welcomed the moves reported in *The Times* yesterday.

He said: "This sort of proposal has enormous potential. I don't believe it should be such a long-term idea either. I strongly welcome it. There is not a single leading French politician who doesn't talk this language now."

Dr Owen said be could see a situation in which French and British nuclear submarines fitted into a joint patrol pattern, with collaboration over the timing of refits.

Despite the French hesitation over a shared targeting policy, Dr Owen also predicted that this problem could be overcome.

MP kills bedroom gunman

Mr Najah Wakim, a member of the Lebanese Parliament, above, explaining how he shot dead a gunman who tried to kill him yesterday at his home in west Beirut.

The man stormed into the house, pushed past Mr Wakim's wife and daughter, and rushed into his bedroom (Reuter reports from Beirut). But Mr Wakim, aged 41, a lawyer, opened fire with his own pistol and killed the man instantly.

After police removed the body from Mr Wakim's home, left, they identified the gunman as Abboud Elias Abboud, a Christian. However, they later cast doubt on his identity, saying that he might have been carrying a forged identity card.

Mr Wakim said the man claimed to be a former policeman and had visited his home twice before to ask for a reference.

Zapu men held in Zimbabwe

From Jan Raath
Harare

The escalation of Government action against the opposition Zapu party of Mr Joshua Nkomo became apparent yesterday with reports of widespread arrests of party officials.

Lawyers have confirmed that Mr Welshman Mabhena, aged 57, Zapu's Secretary-General, has been in Stops police camp in the western city of Bulawayo since Tuesday, together with a prominent Bulawayo city councillor, Mr Nelson Sidanile, also a Zapu member.

Two others known to be at Stops camp are an administrator at Zapu's offices in Bulawayo, Mr Mafushu Ncube, who is in his seventies, and an unnamed district councillor from the Nkayi area.

Mr Nkomo said yesterday that he had received reports that an unknown number of people had been arrested since Sunday in Victoria Falls, Hwange, Matetsi, Masvingo and Zvishavane.

Other sources in Matabeleland were able to confirm reports of generally widespread arrests, but were unable to be specific. Zapu officials appeared to have ceased to maintain contact with the party's leadership, following the announcement last week by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Enos Nkala, that Zapu's organs would "cease to function".

Mr Nkala accuses Zapu of being the main reason for the continued existence of guerrilla activity in Matabeleland.

The arrests follow the closure of Zapu's offices, police searches and the gazetting of the dissolution of all district councils in the province of Matabeleland.

Candidate for Christian right

Evangelist joins White House race

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Rev Pat Robertson, the born-again Evangelist who headed a multi-million dollar Christian broadcasting network, yesterday formally announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination from the Brooklyn slum in New York where he lived 27 years ago.

Best known for his political hot-line to God, who he claims as his political adviser, Mr Robertson is counting on a surge of support from the Christian right. Once claiming to have changed the course of a hurricane through prayer, he sees his candidacy as a chance to rescue the country from moral drift.

In 1972, he insisted God had refused to give him the liberty to enter politics, though he said earlier this year he could be persuaded by the evidence of three million signatures. This he now has, and the Almighty has evidently given the go-ahead.

In recent months, Mr Robertson has cultivated a more secular image. He has resigned as a Baptist minister and no longer mentions his talks with God.

Though earlier scorned by his rivals, and temporarily set back by the scandals surrounding other Christian broadcasters, Mr Robertson, has shown formidable organizing strengths. He recently defeated Vice-President Bush and Senator Robert Dole in an Iowa poll of Republican activists.

The 57-year-old Yale graduate has visited 48 countries and taken an increasingly outspoken stand on domestic issues. On a typical campaign day he rises at 5 am, reads the Bible and meditates for an hour, flies from his Virginia home to a morning campaign event, followed by a luncheon speech. He rests and lobbies on the telephone in the afternoon, attends evening rallies and is home by 10.30 pm.

● **Candidates' line-up:** There are six Republican candidates — four of whom have now officially declared — and six Democrats.

The Republican candidates are: **Vice-President George Bush**, aged 63.

Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, aged 64, Republican leader in the Senate since 1985.

Representative Jack Kemp of New York, aged 52, a conservative, who is the architect of Mr Reagan's supply-side economics.

The Rev Marion (Pat) Robertson, aged 57, who has just resigned as head of a Christian television station.

Mr Alexander Haig, aged 62, a former Secretary of State and Nato Supreme Commander, and Chief of Staff in the Nixon White House.

Former Governor Pierre (Pete) du Pont, aged 52, a two-term Governor of Delaware and heir to du Pont chemicals fortune.

The Democrats are: **Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts**, aged 53, who is emerging as the front-runner.

Representative Richard Gephardt of Missouri, aged 46, lying second in the polls with 8 per cent. He has raised $3,300,000.

Senator Paul Simon of Illinois, aged 59, a liberal late entrant, gaining in popularity and credibility.

Governor Bruce Babbitt, aged 49, a two-term Governor of Arizona and one of the first Democrats in the race.

Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee, at 39 the youngest candidate and the only white Southerner.

The Rev Jesse Jackson, aged 45, head of "Rainbow Coalition" based in South Carolina, the only black candidate and the only man who also ran in the 1984 election.

Gulf War dilemma for Tokyo as more ships are hit

Pressure builds up for Japanese action

From David Watts, Tokyo

The five gunboats that swept out of the west side of the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday to attack two Japanese tankers caused almost as much consternation in Tokyo as on the bridges of the Nichiharu Maru and the Western City.

The attack has come at a time when Tokyo is searching for a means of contributing to the security of the Gulf without breaching a constitutional law forbidding deployment of military forces outside the country. No one is more aware than the Foreign Ministry that this is a test of Japan's willingness and capability to play a world role, especially when its interests are directly threatened.

Pressure is on not only from Western allies but also from domestic shipowners, the powerful All-Japan Seamen's Union and Middle East countries, who complain that Japan is doing nothing to make the Gulf more secure even though half of all the oil shipped through the area during the first quarter was bound for Japan.

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, is publicly committed to announcing a policy before he leaves office at the end of this month and a special task force under Mr Takakazu Kuriyama, the Deputy Foreign Minister, has been studying the options. Mr Nakasone had hoped to present proposals during his visit to the United States in September but Mr Kuriyama's panel could not produce anything in time.

Frankfurt (Reuter) — A Lufthansa Airbus jet with 157 passengers turned back from Tehran airport after the pilot saw what could have been tracer fire, an airline spokesman said yesterday. The pilot noticed trails of light as he was preparing to land on Wednesday night and returned to Frankfurt, fearing the plane could come under fire.

Lufthansa had no information on whether there had been shooting at Tehran airport but there was hardly any other explanation for the light trails, the spokesman said. Lufthansa planned to seek an explanation from the Iranian authorities.

There is no doubt where the Prime Minister's ambitions lie: he floated the notion that sending minesweepers to the Gulf would not constitute the dispatch of military force since they would be there only to "remove obstacles". Few were convinced by the argument or unconcerned about the consequences of an attack on a Japanese minesweeper.

Mr Nakasone, as usual, was ahead of the consensus on military matters even if the Maritime Self-Defence Forces have the capability to launch such an operation.

But the *sine qua non* of Japanese diplomacy is even-handedness, of not taking sides. And this applies particularly in the Gulf, where Japan is the only country in the Western camp which has ready diplomatic access in both Baghdad and Tehran.

Though a *démarche* in Tehran after an earlier attack at the beginning of September brought outright denials from the Iranians, which the Japanese found less than credible, they are determined to maintain this access and, perhaps more important, to get straight back in with secure lucrative contracts and aid programmes after the guns fall silent.

Japan appears to have only one option for contributing to Gulf security: money. The men from the ministry would like it to be an indirect contribution to the upkeep of US forces in Japan. But that is thought to be too indirect for Mr Nakasone, who would not be able to assuage American frustration unless he could point to physical help "at the sharp end". Even then there is an unwillingness to finance combat forces, but with seven Japanese vessels attacked already this year such fastidiousness may soon become a luxury Japan cannot afford.

Iranian speedboat units step up day attacks

From Nicholas Beeston, Dubai

Iranian speedboats stepped up their raids on merchant ships in and around the Strait of Hormuz yesterday when they attacked Japanese and Pakistani vessels hours after hitting two super-tankers carrying crude oil for Japan.

The latest tanker victim was the HT Johar, which was raked with machine-gun fire and hit by at least five rocket-propelled grenades in a daylight raid by two Iranian attack craft.

The captain of the 80,000-ton tanker said by radio that the Iranians converged on his ship from four miles away, under the noses of French and Soviet warships.

"We hardly had time or warning before they struck the ship," said the captain, who would not reveal his name. There were no injuries and the ship is expected to reach Dubai today.

The raid was followed by a similar attack on the Japanese tanker, Nissei Manu, in the Gulf of Oman.

Shipping sources said the daylight raids may have been prompted by the reluctance of many tanker captains to pass through Iranian target areas at night.

On Wednesday, Iranian speedboats hit two super-tankers carrying crude oil to Japan, the Japanese-chartered Western City and the Japanese vessel, Nichiharu Maru.

But the Western City appeared to have been attacked by mistake. It was carrying half a load of Arab crude oil but was on its way to the Iranian oil terminal at Larak Island to load Iranian oil.

Yesterday's Iranian raids followed a claim in Baghdad that Iraqi bombers had hit "a large maritime target" off the Iranian coast, a term generally used to mean a super-tanker.

Tehran warned that it would "pound economic, industrial and military targets in all Iraqi cities with utmost force" unless Iraq ceased its air attacks.

Early triplets for first surrogate grandmother

Mrs Pat Anthony: legal guardian of the babies.

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The world's first surrogate grandmother, Mrs Pat Anthony, aged 48, gave birth to triplets — two boys and a girl — in Johannesburg early yesterday, two weeks prematurely.

Late yesterday, the babies were in the clinic's intensive care unit but were said to be breathing normally.

They were born by Caesarean section — normal for a multiple birth — and Mrs Anthony was given an epidural anaesthetic, during which the mother remains conscious but feels little pain.

The triplets weighed 4 lb 10 oz, 5 lb and 2 lb 14 oz and there were three paediatricians present throughout the birth.

A leading Johannesburg obstetrician said the smallest baby would probably be placed in an incubator and would most likely be kept at the hospital until its weight was satisfactory. He said it was not unusual for one baby in a multiple birth to be smaller and weaker than the others.

Mrs Anthony, from Tzaneen in the northern Transvaal, agreed to bear her own grandchildren because her daughter, Mrs Karen Farreira-Jorge, aged 25, was unable to have any more children following a hysterectomy three years ago after the birth of a son.

Mrs Anthony was implanted with her daughter's ova, which had been fertilized by her son-in-law.

At first, gynaecologists were uneasy about the surrogacy because of Mrs Anthony's age. But the pregnancy proceeded without any hitches, although Mrs Anthony entered the clinic two months ago when her ankles became uncomfortably swollen.

Under South African law, Mrs Anthony will remain the triplets' legal guardian until Mr and Mrs Ferreira-Jorge draw up adoption papers.

The British newspaper, the *Mail on Sunday*, which has bought exclusive rights to Mrs Anthony's story, has gone to extraordinary measures to protect its investment.

Yesterday, one of its team of reporters which has been guarding Mrs Anthony and her family around the clock for months, stood at the doors of the Park Lane clinic here trying to prevent other journalists from entering.

As voices rose and journalistic pleasantries were exchanged, the *Mail* man was forced to call upon the matron to eject the intruders.

The *Mail on Sunday* has not only ordered the family but also doctors and staff at the clinic not to talk to the press. A lawyer's letter has been sent to South African newspapers warning that "immediate and vigorous" action will be taken against any report which infringes the *Mail on Sunday*'s copyright and would result in "greater than usual claims for damages in view of the very extensive area of syndication". One of the main objects of the exercise appeared to be televising the occasion.

The results of a survey published in Johannesburg yesterday reveal that 72 per cent of South African women reject surrogate motherhood. The survey, conducted among 800 urban white women, showed that only 4 per cent of those interviewed were prepared to go ahead with surrogate motherhood without hesitation.

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☐ Have you ever had your radio aerial snapped off in the night? Or, just as annoying, whipped off in the car wash? It'll never happen again if you drive an Escort L, because from now on Escort L models have rear window radio aerials.

The Escort GL

☐ Few extras give more pleasure than a sunroof, especially the Ford design which tilts as well as slides. Sunroofs are now standard in all Escort GL models.

☐ How many times have you locked your doors but forgotten to lock your boot? This couldn't happen if you had central locking which is now standard on all Escort GL models.

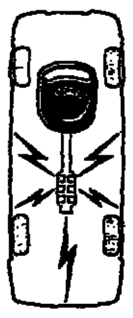
The Escort Ghia

☐ The Escort Ghia now gets wider 175/70 x 13 tyres for greater grip.

☐ The Escort Ghia also gets powered, heated mirrors. They de-mist and dry themselves as well as adjusting electrically.

☐ The ECU2 electronic sound system with its self-search, stereo radio/cassette is the ultimate in Ford's in-car-entertainment. We've added this to the Escort Ghia.

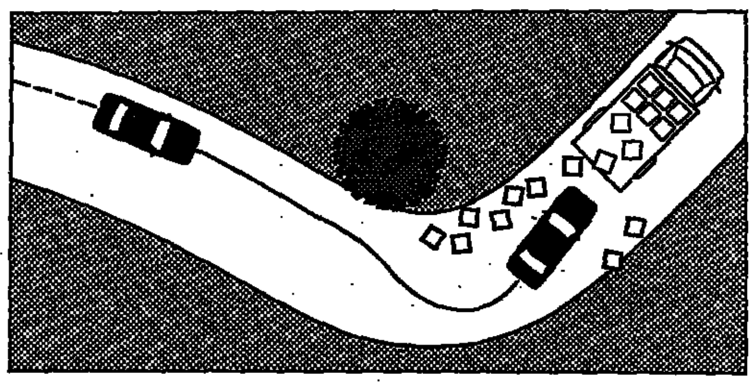
The Escort XR3i and XR3i Cabriolet



☐ Central locking used to be an option but both these cars now get it as standard.

☐ Powerful driving lights are now standard features too. Just what you need with winter coming on.

☐ The XR3i has a rear window radio aerial but we couldn't add this to the Cabriolet. So we've given it a power aerial instead.



Until now mechanical anti-lock brakes were only available on 1.4 or 1.6 petrol engined Escorts with manual gearboxes. Now they're an option on all Escorts with manual gearboxes.

Cars with a future Ford

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Nicaragua pledges to suspend offensives for a month

Ortega picks three regions for cease-fire with Contras

From David Gollob, Managua

President Ortega of Nicaragua has declared a limited cease-fire to take effect in three areas for one month, beginning on Wednesday.

Describing the move as an "initial step" towards the implementation of a total cease-fire, as required under the terms of a peace plan signed in Guatemala last month, President Ortega said government forces would be withdrawn to the peripheries of the cease-fire zones, although local self-defence militias would continue to guard peasant co-operatives and state farms.

All offensive operations would be suspended, but government forces would defend civilian targets if they were attacked by Contras, he said.

Two of the three areas, each measuring roughly 200 square miles, are in mountains near Nicaragua's border with Honduras. The third area is in the south-east, about 30 miles from the Costa Rican border. Although comparatively tiny, all three areas are of strategic value to both sides and have seen heavy fighting in the six-year war.

Reaction from Contra leaders was not immediately available. When the Government announced last week that it would declare a partial, unilateral cease-fire, Contra leaders described the move as "a publicity stunt," while State Department officials in Washington said it was a "trick".

Contra leaders insist that a cease-fire is not feasible unless the terms are negotiated with them. President Ortega said he would only entertain negotiations with the Reagan Administration, the sponsor of the Contras.

He said the purpose of the partial truce was to allow intermediaries to enter the war zones, make contact with rebel fighters, urge them to abide by the cease-fire, and verify that any who lay down their arms are given full amnesty.

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President Ortega indicating the boundaries of one of the three areas where his Government's unilaterally declared cease-fire will come into force next week

This formula has apparently been devised to enable the Government to meet its obligation under the peace plan to "take all necessary steps" to arrange a cease-fire, without departing from its refusal to negotiate with the Contras.

Señor Ortega said the formula is modelled on the Government's successful pacification efforts in the Atlantic Coast region, where Miskito Indians and other ethnic minorities took up arms against the Sandinista revolution in 1982. Three years later, the Government split the Indians' army by negotiating a separate truce with rebel field commanders.

Fears in Managua of a false dawn for democracy

Managua — The gradual implementation of a Central American peace agreement, signed in Guatemala in August, has taken Nicaragua some distance from the "totalitarian dungeon" depicted in the rhetoric of the Reagan Administration (Our Correspondent writes).

But opposition leaders here have given a warning that there is still a long way to go before this becomes a free, functioning democracy, and they fear that the current democratic opening will be short-lived.

"Many people think the Sandinistas are trying to make the world believe they are struggling for peace, when their real objective is to go after the Contras and finish them off," said Señor Horacio Ruiz, managing editor of *La Prensa*, the crusading opposition newspaper that resumed publication yesterday after a 15-month government shutdown. "Then they will go back to totalitarian rule."

"We would like to warn the world not to be fooled that everything is OK now because they have allowed one newspaper to come out," said Señor Enrique Bolanos, president of Nicaragua's powerful private sector association.

Although press censorship has been lifted, and a church-run radio station has been given permission to resume operations, constitutional guarantees — such as freedom of assembly and habeas corpus — remain suspended under a continuing state of emergency. The Government has pledged to lift the state of emergency by the November deadline set down in the peace agreement. Opposition groups want it lifted immediately.

Señor Sergio Ramirez: steps show "good faith".

The Nicaraguan Vice-President, Señor Sergio Ramirez, has said that the limited steps the Government has made so far show "good faith", and were taken in the expectation of corresponding gestures from "other parties to the conflict". In a further move last week, the Government announced it would unilaterally declare ceasefires in designated areas of the country, and would be prepared to negotiate with rebel commanders in the field, although not with the Contra leadership.

The "other parties to the conflict" have yet to make their moves. The Contras have denounced the Government's call for a partial ceasefire as a "publicity stunt", and the US Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Elliott Abrams, has called it "a trick".

Using similar language, hardline opposition leaders have scorned, without flatly rejecting, the Government's invitation to meet them next Monday, a month before the deadline in the Guatemala agreement.

All legally-registered political parties have received invitations. So has the Democratic Co-ordinating Committee — a coalition of right-wing political parties, private sector groups, and trade unions — known as the Co-ordinadora.

At a press conference in Managua on Tuesday, Co-ordinadora's president, Señor Carlos Huembes, dismissed other opposition groups as "domesticated", and insisted that unless all the Co-ordinadora member groups were invited, the negotiations would be stacked in favour of the Sandinistas.

"We fear that the dialogue will be like other measures," he said, "a publicity stunt by a government desperate to repair its international image. Behind every measure the Government has taken there is a trap."

Señor Huembes said the Co-ordinadora is made up of 14 organizations, including Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Were the Government to accede to its demands, it would effectively give the same political status to, for example, an association of building contractors, as it would to opposition political parties with proven popular support.

Señor Huembes would not say whether the Co-ordinadora, the opposition group most favoured by the Reagan Administration, would boycott the negotiations if its demand were not met. The Co-ordinadora's boycott of elections here in 1984 wrested credibility from Nicaragua's first exercise in democratic politics, despite the consensus of most international observers that the vote was conducted fairly. A boycott of the dialogue could sabotage the Government's avowed efforts to achieve a national consensus, in compliance with the Guatemala agreement.

Dr Lombardo Martinez, a leading member of the Independent Liberal Party, which is not associated with the Co-ordinadora, accused it of maintaining a "defeated attitude" and of "generating suspicion instead of working for peace".

Behind this political manoeuvring lies the more intractable problem of what kind of democracy will result if the Government complies with the peace agreement. The Co-ordinadora has made it plain that it will settle for nothing less than a new constitution, in which the Sandinista Front becomes simply another political party.

"It's impossible to talk about democracy in a country like this where the system of government is founded on the union of the state, the (Sandinista) party, and the armed forces," Señor Huembes said.

Private sector leaders have called for a return to "the democracy of private ownership", in which property confiscated by the Government from associates of the former dictator, Señor Anastasio Somoza, would be returned to the original owners.

However, Sandinista leaders have been emphatic that "the games of the revolution," including the redistribution of confiscated lands to present farmers, are not negotiable.

"Are we going to pay the price of 15,000 lives for a revolution and then give it away on a plate?" said Commander Tomás Borge, the only surviving founding member of the Sandinista front. "Impossible!"

Honduras faces court test case over missing persons

From Martha Honey, San José

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights has begun this week hearing a case involving missing persons detained by security forces in Honduras.

In its annual report released this week, Amnesty International alleges human rights violations, including government-linked disappearances and death squads activities, in nearly every Latin American country.

A breakthrough in one such case came recently when Señor Florencio Caballero, a former Honduran security officer who had ties with the death squads, agreed to give evidence about Honduran Government involvement in this and other disappearances.

However, Señor Caballero, an illegal immigrant in Canada where he is seeking political asylum, may not be able to appear. His lawyers say that because his legal status is unresolved he will probably be prevented from returning to Canada when he leaves the country.

Dr Edmundo Vargas, the chief prosecutor in the case, said: "We really consider him an important witness. He was a member of the Honduran armed forces and knows what happened between 1980 and 1982, when 130 Hondurans disappeared."

He added that it will be difficult to win the case without Señor Caballero's testimony.

It is the first time an international tribunal has agreed to prosecute a government for the crime of politically motivated disappearances.

The case is being watched closely by international human rights organizations, as well as by the families of the estimated 90,000 disappeared persons in Latin America.

If successful, it is likely to precipitate a flood of new cases from relatives of victims in Chile, Guatemala, El Salvador and other countries where political disappearances and killings by the armed forces and death squads have been common.

The case involves two Costa Ricans and two Hondurans who disappeared in Honduras in 1981 and 1982.

The Costa Ricans, Yolanda Folis, a teacher aged 27, and Francisco Fairen, a student aged 28, disappeared while driving through Honduras to Mexico. The Honduran victims are named as Angel Manfredo Velasquez, a student aged 35, who was seized by security agents, and José Saul Godinez, a primary school teacher aged 32, who disappeared while on his way to work.

For years the families made futile efforts to obtain information from the Honduran Government about the victims, all of whom were taken alive.

The Honduran Government fought unsuccessfuly to prevent the case from being brought before the court, which is under the aegis of the Organization of American States.

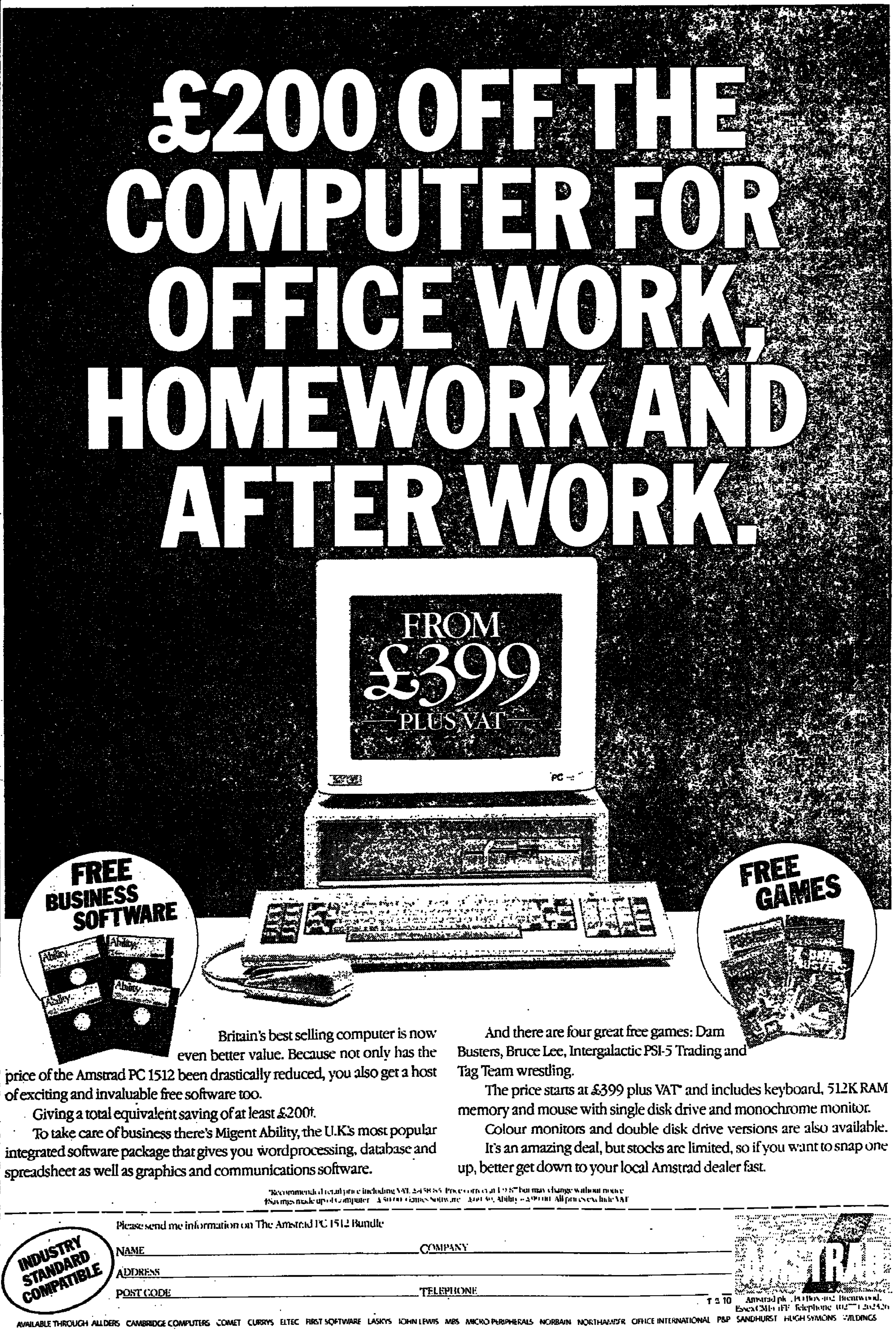
Honduras is accused of violating three articles of the American Human Rights Convention to which it is a signatory. If found guilty, Honduras could be ordered to pay compensation to the families of the victims.

Church rescues Duarte peace talks

San José — The Salvadorean peace talks between the Government and guerrillas will go ahead this weekend despite a hitch in the preliminary talks, a rebel leader said yesterday (Martha Honey writes).

Hard-line statements by President Duarte caused the guerrillas to walk out of preliminary talks here earlier this week, but intervention by the Salvadorean Catholic Church led to renewed talks.

President Duarte had demanded that the guerrillas send their top five military commanders to the San Salvador talks this Sunday, and agree to lay down their weapons.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Franco-Spanish co-operation bears fruit

Eleven more suspects held in fresh drive against Eta

From Harry Debelius in Madrid and Philip Jacobson in Paris

Spanish police yesterday arrested 11 alleged Eta terrorists, including a member of the Basque regional police force, in northern Spain and seized several caches of arms and explosives at flats used as terrorist hideouts.

The swoop was a direct result of Wednesday's arrest by the French anti-terrorist squad of a suspected leader of the organization. Señor Santiago Arrospide Sarasola, at a house in Anglet, in the French Basque territory.

The joint operation has been hailed in both countries as France's most successful security operation against the military wing of Eta. The Spanish are partularly jubilant because Señor Sarasola, alias "Santi Patros", is the first suspected top echelon Eta leader to be held by French police. Spanish police believe he has been in charge of Eta's so-called "illegal commandos", the killer squads which carry out missions to order.

Spanish commentators linked this upgrading of anti-terrorist co-operation between France and Spain to the meeting last August between the President Mitterrand of France, and the Spanish Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González.

French security sources say that the house where 39-year-old Señor Sarasola lived had been under surveillance for many months. He was overpowered before he could draw the pistol he was carrying. More than £400,000 in various currencies was also found in the house.

In a separate but almost certainly co-ordinated operation in the same Pyrenees-Atlantiques region later the same day, another suspected member of Eta's military wing was also seized in a swoop on what police sources describe as a major logistic base for the Eta groups operating out of this *département* bordering on the Basque region of Spain. Two other suspects escaped and are now being hunted through the area.

According to some reports 15 kg of documents were collected as a result of the two raids, and vital information was immediately passed to the Spanish authorities. Yesterday's arrests were the first results.

French and Spanish experts yesterday were sifting through the cache of documents, believed to contain invaluable intelligence material.

The evidence found at Anglet is "more important than the Sokoa papers," Spain's Interior Minister, Señor Jose Barrionuevo, said yesterday. The "Sokoa papers" were documents discovered in November 1986 in a secret room in a furniture factory at Hendaye, on the French side of the border, which was used as a clandestine administrative headquarters and warehouse for Eta.

On past form, Mr Sarasola (described in Spain as one of the most dangerous Eta militants) will certainly be the subject of a speedy extradition request. He is the first major figure in the outlawed organization to have been captured since July 1986.

More than 90 people have since been handed over to the Spanish authorities (and, claim French critics of this policy, the near-certainty of torture) while some 400 other Basques are believed to have gone to ground in the border region.

Wild West gun law comes to Florida

From Alan Tomlinson, Miami

One of the most crime-weary areas of the United States has gone back to the days of the Wild West to protect its citizens from outlaws. Florida yesterday gave ordinary people the right to wear guns openly on the streets.

As gun shops reported booming sales of handguns and shooting lessons, police departments expressed concern.

The sheriff of Dade County, which embraces Miami, the city with the nation's sixth highest murder rate, fears that short-tempered sharp-shooters may reach go for their guns to settle private disputes. The police chief of nearby Fort Lauderdale has vowed to arrest anyone toting a gun in public, irrespective of his rights.

The new law is aimed primarily at extending to ordinary citizens the kind of concealed-weapons licence formerly reserved for people with a demonstrable need, such as security guards. But in rewriting the old statutes, state legislators also removed a prohibition on openly displaying firearms. Miami police are hoping this may have been an oversight that will be corrected.

"In the meantime, it is permissible simply to strap on your six-shooter and walk down the street like you see in any American western," said Commander Bill Johnson.

Gun stores have been boosting sales by offering two-hour certification courses as the first step towards licence application. At the Tamiami Gun Store, one of Miami's biggest, sales are up 50 per cent and 3,000 people have already taken the courses.

"I work in a nightclub and a lot of times I've had guns pulled on me, so if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," said Mr Jim Lynch, aged 23, as he blasted away at the target range in the back of the store.

Florida authorities expect to receive 175,000 apllications to carry guns. "The problem in this state is that people are sick and tired of being victims," explained Marion Hammer, the law's co-author and a director of Unified Sportsmen of Florida, an affiliate of the National Rifle Association.

The Pope opening a Synod at St Peter's in Rome yesterday. The session will discuss, among other matters, the role of women in the Church and political involvement by priests.

Vatican joins in dispute on education

**From Roger Boyes
Rome**

The Pope, the Italian church leadership and the Government of Signor Giovanni Goria yesterday dug in for a long war of attrition over the role of religious education in Italy's schools.

Signor Goria has been seriously embarrassed by the dispute which has stirred up issues — such as the tricky relationship between the Pope and the Italian Government — that are best left dormant. The Pope, too, would rather not be embroiled in a political feud at a time when the world's cardinals, bishops and theologians are gathered in the Vatican for a Synod (opened yesterday with great pomp in St Peter's) to discuss among other subjects, the limits of priests' political involvement.

The argument broke out when the new Education Minister, Signor Giovanni Galloni, drew up a school curriculum that put religious classes either at the beginning or the end of the school day. That would make it easier for children who wanted to exercise their right to pursue "alternative" subjects.

The Minister — a Christian Democrat like Signor Goria — has made it clear throughout that he considers religious education an optional subject, rather like woodwork.

First, the Italian bishops protested, then the Pope publicly supported the bishops and on Tuesday the Vatican entered a formal protest.

The Government is dominated by the Christian Democrats who have always had a close relationship with the Church — indeed the Pope gave them a veiled endorsement in the June elections.

44 held on obscenity charges in China

Peking (Reuter) — Police arrested 44 people running a nationwide pornography racket and seized 80,000 obscene publications in Nanchang, southeast China.

The underground printing and sales network, involving 600 sellers in 23 provinces, was uncovered when a retired teacher was caught "corrupting young people" by selling pornography from his home.

Police said that the Masses Publishing House in Nanchang had earned profits of one million yuan (£164,000) since 1985 by selling pornographic printing plates.

Surinam move on democracy

Paramaribo (Reuter) — Surinam has voted on a new constitution which is expected bring democracy back to the former Dutch colony after seven years of military rule.

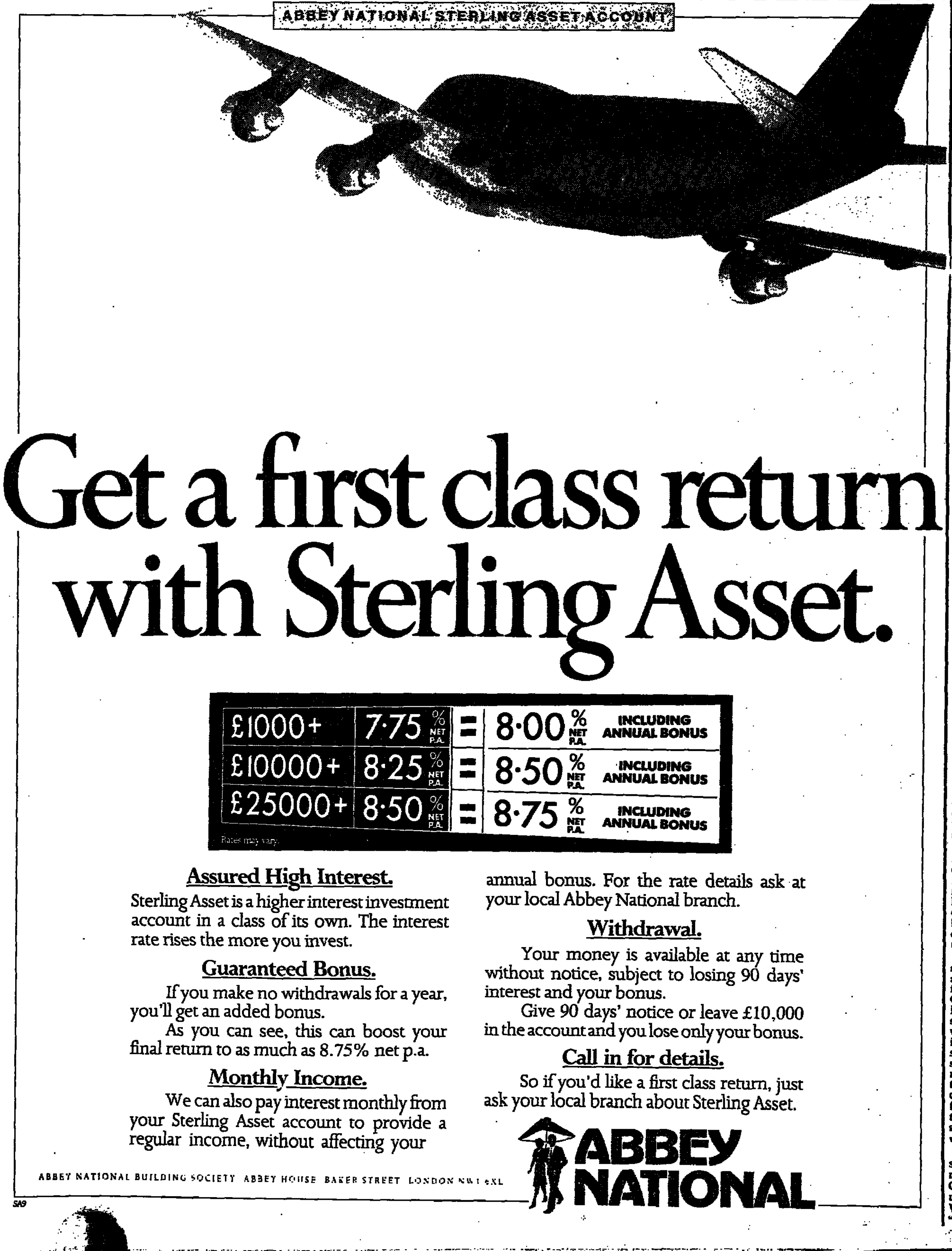
Government and opposition leaders predicted the result of Wednesday's referendum would resoundingly approve the constitution, setting the stage for general elections on November 25.

Icons stolen

Tacloban (Reuter) — A multimillion dollar icon collection once owned by the former first lady, Mrs Imelda Marcos, has been stolen from a Philippines museum.

Jewish exit

Geneva (Reuter) — The Soviet Union has allowed 5,380 Jews to emigrate through Vienna so far this year, nearly twice as many as in any full year since 1981, according to the Geneva-based Intergovernmental Committee for Migration.



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Sicilian clans in new feud

Mafia hitman shot dead in Palermo

From Our Own Correspondent, Rome

Bullets ripping through one of the Mafia's top assassins have signalled the start of a new feud between the warring Sicilian clans.

Mario Prestifelippo, who is believed to have murdered the Mafia investigator, General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, and the Communist deputy, Signor Pio La Torre, was surrounded and gunned down by 10 men in a Palermo street on Wednesday.

Signor Prestifelippo was a senior member of Signor Michele Greco's family; a friend of the son, Signor Pino Greco; the most efficient assassin in the Sicilian-American clan and, at 29, one of the youngest in the hierarchy of organized crime. He had Godfather status and, when other family leaders met him walking on the street (accompanied by a phalanx of bodyguards), they would kiss his hand as a mark of respect.

According to the police, Signor Prestifelippo shot his way to the top. He is said to have helped to kill Signor La Torre, the head of the Sicilian Communist Party, and an expert on the Mafia, in 1982. Signor La Torre had been preparing anti-Mafia legislation which would have made it illegal to belong to the Mafia, allowed investigation of business activities of Mafia suspects and authorized the confiscation of property and bank accounts.

Soon after that killing, the Italian Government sent Carabiniere General Dalla Chiesa to Sicily as Prefect. He was already something of a hero because of his campaign against the Red Brigades. After only four months in Palermo, he and his wife were murdered, also allegedly at the hands of Signor Prestifelippo.

The latest feud seems to have been initiated by a rival clan to the Grecos who now dominate the Palermo Mafia scene. In mid-November, the judges in the *maxi-processo* — a mass trial of 450 Mafia bosses — will pronounce their sentences. Even with expanded anti-Mafia legislation and with the evidence of a supergrass (the Mafia chief, Tommaso Buscetta), it will be difficult to convict everybody.

Some will be deemed to have served their sentences while awaiting trial; others will be acquitted because of lack of evidence. Thus all regiments of Mafia men will re-enter Palermo society before Christmas, swelling the clan and prompting extraordinary leadership contests.

The man best placed to take advantage of the new line-up would have been Signor Prestifelippo. He has been removed and the Greco family will now seek revenge.

Scientists alarmed by ozone finding

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The ozone shield over Antarctica thinned last month to the lowest level since record-taking began. Since 1979 there has been a drastic 55 per cent overall loss, American scientists have discovered in the most alarming evidence so far about the phenomenon.

A six-week expedition to Antarctica by 60 scientists co-ordinated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) has established conclusively that chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are at least partly to blame, with extreme weather also contributing.

Environmentalists immediately interpreted the new data as overwhelming justification for international curbs on CFCs. Mr Robert Watson, the Nasa programme manager, said the mission's report would give impetus to an international agreement designed to halve world consumption of CFCs by early next century. The accord, tentatively approved by 46 countries last month, would freeze world consumption of the chemical at 1986 levels and cut its use in the industrial world within a decade.

The Nasa expedition found substantial amounts of chlorine monoxide, a byproduct of CFCs that has been exposed to ultraviolet rays, prompting Mr Watson to say that there was "no longer debate as to whether chlorine monoxide exists within the chemically perturbed region at abundances sufficient to destroy ozone".

The loss of ozone has at times been staggering: the expedition monitored a 10 per cent fall in a single day in one area. The effect of CFCs may be more severe in Antarctica because of weather conditions.

Stratospheric ozone forms a thin gaseous veil at least 12 miles above the Earth's surface, screening out harmful ultraviolet rays. CFCs are widely used in refrigerators, aerosols and other products.

The ozone depletion in Antarctica occurs each year in the spring. The expedition found that between mid-August and mid-September this year the ozone at an altitude of 11 miles thinned by 50 per cent. Dr Watson said the researchers believed that CFCs were playing a role in the destruction of ozone at all latitudes. In temperate zones the destruction seemed to take place at higher elevations.

The explanation offered for the appearance of the Antarctic ozone "hole" in the spring was that as the sun appeared after the dark Antarctric winter the chlorine adhering to ice crystals in the atmosphere was converted by sunlight from passive to active molecules that reacted with and destroyed the ozone.

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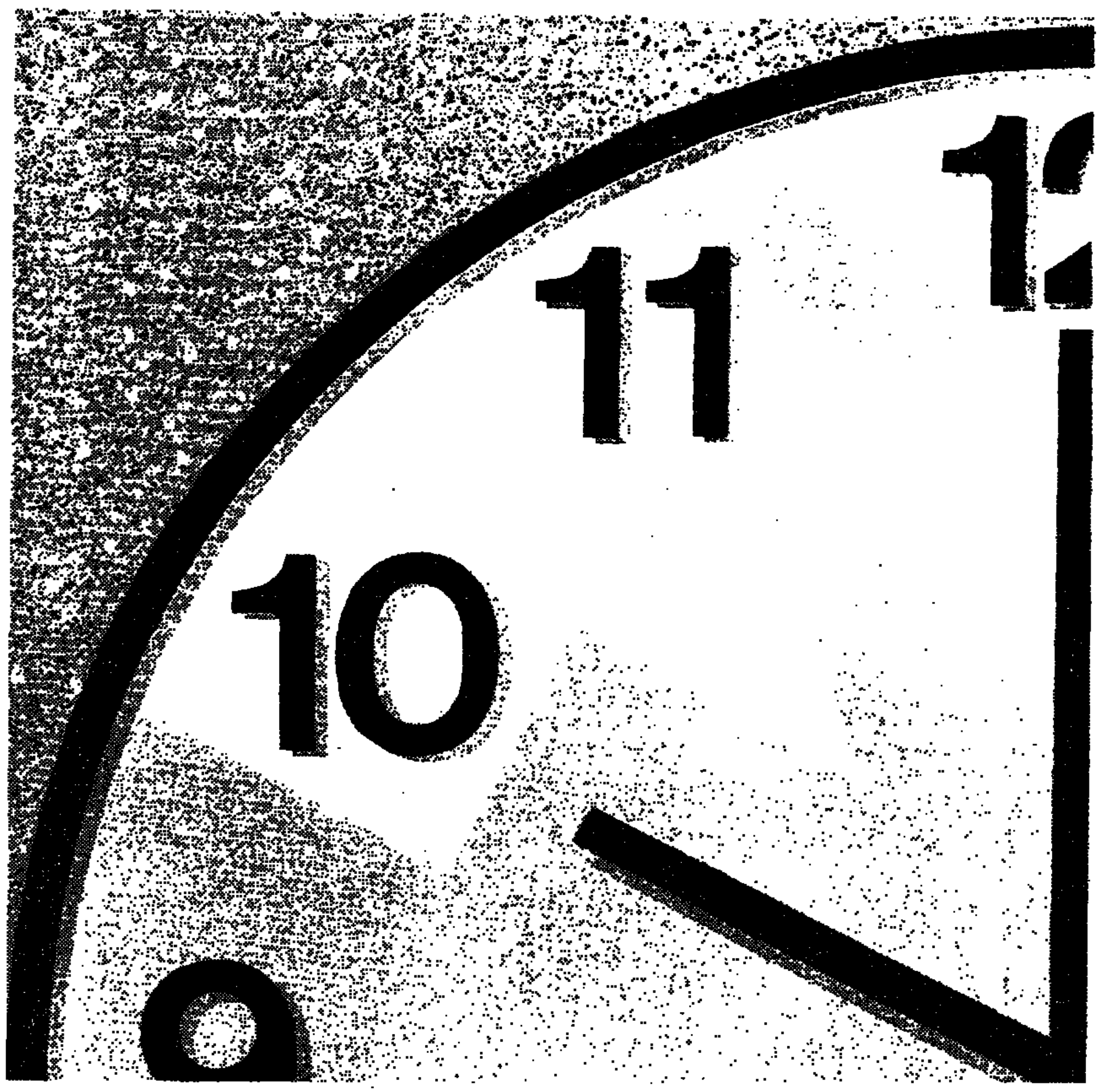

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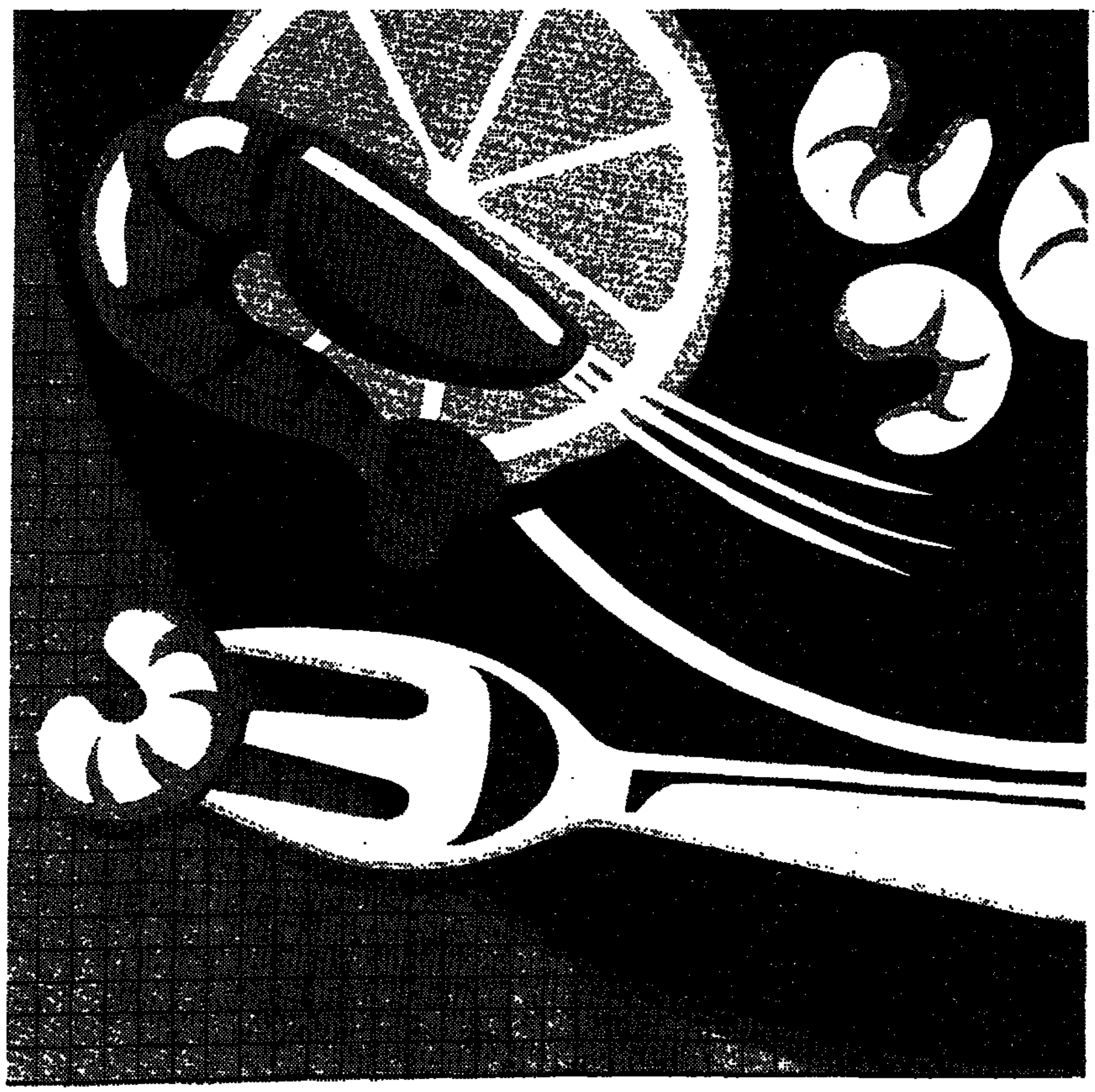

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The deadly factor

Survival for a haemophiliac is a regular injection of Factor VIII. Yet in 1984 this lifeline became contaminated with the Aids virus HIV. Many were infected – some of them children – and many died. **Thomson Prentice** reports on the continuing tragedy

Twelve hundred people who depend upon the National Health Service for their very lifeblood, believe that instead they have been given a prescription for disaster.

John Prothero is one of them. He and his girlfriend, Sharon Hart, know that whatever the future holds for them, they can never have children. Just loving each other is dangerous. He is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and may develop Aids, simply because he is a haemophiliac.

About three years ago he routinely injected himself with Factor VIII, a blood-clotting agent essential to treat his condition. The American-made product, imported because Britain could not make enough of its own, was contaminated with the virus.

All over the country some 4,000 other haemophiliacs were doing the same thing. Although Factor VIII has been safe for two years, there are now 1,200 sufferers carrying the deadly virus, and a high percentage of them are doomed. At least 57 have already contracted Aids, though the true figure could be as high as twice that. Forty-one have died.

"I have no idea what will happen to me," says John Prothero, aged 43. "Compared to some of the others, I have been lucky. I don't have Aids. I am reasonably healthy, I have a home and a job, and people like Sharon, who understand and care."

Haemophilia, which prevents the blood from clotting, is an inherited, painful and disabling condition which affects only males. Because Aids is transmitted sexually, the wives or girlfriends of every HIV-positive man are at risk, as are any children that may be born to them.

Some haemophiliacs who have been found to be HIV-positive are themselves still only children, others teenagers. All of them, sooner or later, will suffer in some way. Already, many relationships have foundered and marriages have cracked under the huge stresses imposed by the knowledge that one partner's condition may threaten the life of the other and their family.

John and Sharon are London civil servants who began going out together about two years ago, after he discovered he was infected. He told her of his condition at the start of their relationship.

"I decided honesty was better than secrecy. I have come to terms with my infection. It's the possible effect on others that now concerns me more," he says. "If Sharon and I were to marry, children would be out of the question. That is my biggest regret. The risk of infecting her and consequently our child is simply unacceptable."

They therefore take precautions. Sharon says: "If you love someone, their HIV antibody status shouldn't matter. We know what the situation is, and we live with it."

Many haemophiliacs with HIV now have problems with employment, life insurance and mortgages. They are "bad risks", exposed to prejudice and discrimination, possibly for the rest of their lives.

Many of those who have died have left behind widows and children with little or no financial protection.

On October 13, the Haemophilia Society launches a unique campaign aimed at getting compensation from the Government. The charity's general secretary, David Watters, says: "Our case is simple. Our members were infected with HIV through the health service. Their lives are ruined or badly damaged as a result. They and their families urgently need assistance."

So far the Government has resisted their appeals, indicating that claims must be pursued through the courts.

Almost every day, meanwhile, Watters receives letters that illustrate their plight. Here, published for the first time, are extracts from some of them. For obvious reasons, all are anonymous.

John Rogers

The dangerous cost of loving: John Protheroe, a haemophiliac infected with the HIV virus, and his girlfriend Sharon Hart

Letters with no answer

THE HUSBAND

'The terrifying thing about the virus is that I might have passed it on to my wife'

"If I had been told I had cancer I know for an absolute fact I could have shrugged it off and said to hell with that, mate, I will fight and beat it, because at least it can in some cases be beaten.

"But Aids, how the hell do you fight Aids? It is the inevitability and the stigma that make it so frightening. But much more than that it is the way my wife and son would be treated.

"The most terrifying thing about the Aids virus is that I might have passed it on to them. If I die and they develop Aids they would have to face it without me, the person who gave it to them.

"That thought is with me every moment – except when I can afford to get so drunk that nothing matters for a few hours.

"A million pounds a day could not compensate me for the damage the virus has done to our lives. Sex is non-existent. I don't feel clean. I don't feel fair kissing my wife and son."

THE MOTHER

"The children at school were very cruel our son. They called him terrible names and refused to go near him. He became very upset and distressed, because by now he knew he had got the Aids virus.

"We seem to live our lives under a constant shadow, just as though you dare not mention that my son is a haemophiliac, because of all the stigma involved.

"People will never understand until it happens to someone they love, but I hope it never does. We always thought our son had a future to look forward to, never thinking that the very thing that kept him alive could turn out to take his life.

"What future is there without life assurance, mortgage facilities, a girl to love him, and most of all the right to be a father? All I ask is for some support to help other people like my son."

THE WIDOW

"My husband died in January 1986, at the age of 32. Just before he got Aids he was in the middle of getting extra life insurance, but the Aids scare stopped that. I am left with two children, aged two and nine.

"I have a mortgage to pay as he couldn't get mortgage protection. I have no money except for my widow's pension, and I have to live on supplementary benefit.

"Not only have I lost my husband and breadwinner, but my children have also lost a very good and loving father. I have gone a year and four months not only trying to get over his death, but also the struggle to keep our home. We are desperate for some financial help."

THE PARENTS

'My eldest son is nearly 14. He does not know he is HIV positive. I dread telling him'

"We have three boys who are all HIV-positive. My oldest son is nearly 14 and is just starting to discover girls. He does not know he is HIV positive and I dread having to tell him.

"Don't you think it is bad enough living with haemophilia – he has an injection of Factor VIII every day – without this terrible extra burden?

"As far as we can see the future is very bleak. The fear of Aids has made haemophiliac families more secretive. A couple of years ago I would not have thought twice about telling anyone. Now wild horses would not drag the information from me."

THE WIFE

"We got married in June 1984, and in July or August we were told that my husband was HIV positive. We were shattered and petrified. When we got home it was totally different to before, I was scared to death for him to touch me or kiss me.

"I loved him but I did not want what he had. I really wanted a baby but now I had to forget it. We have managed, and we love each other, but times get rough. We have arguments because there are still times I won't let him touch me because I am frightened.

"I could have left him several times, but I can't. I suppose I love him so much and I keep thinking one day we will have children.

"I have had blood tests. Luckily I am negative, but I wonder for how long."

Bringing Star Wars back to earth

For years the Russians have said *nyet* to SDI – now they are starting to talk

With all the excitement over the agreement reached in Washington to eliminate intermediate-range missiles in Europe, Star Wars has taken a back seat. But not for long. President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative remains one of the major issues to be resolved before serious negotiations can get under way to reduce strategic weapons by 50 per cent.

Dr John Pike, associate director for space policy at the Federation of American Scientists and an acknowledged expert on Star Wars in the United States, is reputed to have personally played a part in influencing the Russians to relax their previously inflexible attitude towards SDI. He and other American scientists have had regular meetings in Washington and Moscow with their counterparts in the Soviet Academy of Science.

Although there is still strong opposition in some quarters in Washington, particularly the Pentagon, to any kind of negotiation with the Russians over Star Wars, Pike believes that Moscow is now ready to compromise. In talks three years ago with Russian scientists engaged in similar research in the Soviet Union, Pike suggested that there could be an agreed limit on the type and size of weapon tested in space.

"There was no reaction," Pike said yesterday while on a visit to London. "Yet last November at a conference in Hamburg the Russians began to show an interest, and now they have come up with a list of specific thresholds, including limits on the brightness of lasers, a maximum speed and altitude for rocket interceptors, and limits on the size of mirror used for reflecting laser beams."

The list of Soviet ideas, which, ironically, matched Pike's, were handed over by Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, during his recent trip to Washington.

The Russians had come a long way from their original stance, which was basically *nyet* to Star Wars. But the changed position has caused division in Washington. Should the US agree to limiting Star Wars research for the sake of a deal on strategic missiles?

Paul Nitze, the veteran arms control adviser to Reagan is personally urging such talks, but the hawkish Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, wants to push ahead as fast as possible with every Star Wars test Congress agrees to fund.

"From my talks with the Russians," said Pike, "it was clear that they are just as keen to carry on with their research. The American Star Wars budget averages out at about $4 billion a year. The Russians are spending the equivalent of about $2 billion.

"But the Russians fear the progress of American technology. They have reason to. At a conference in Moscow recently, a Soviet scientist said that battle management, one of the key elements of a ballistic missile defence system presented tremendous technical problems. He said the computational speeds would be faster than they could cope with. I told him that was no problem for us."

There are three arguments for imposing threshold limits, says Pike. First, agreement on the scope of Star Wars research would clear the way for negotiations on strategic missiles; second, it would introduce an element of trust between the two sides while allowing the research to continue; third, it would help to resolve the key issue of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. If both sides agreed on verifiable limits to research, there would be no argument over whether tests were breaching the treaty.

Pushing ahead with tests: hawkish Caspar Weinberger

Another point is that Congress is going to impose funding limits on Star Wars anyway, so the Americans might as well work out appropriate limits now.

So far the Star Wars tests in the US have been on a small scale. But several major contracts were awarded last year and by 1989 much larger tests will begin. "You'll start to see some real hardware then," said Pike. "Yet we will still be a long way from demonstrating a deployment capability."

Michael Evans

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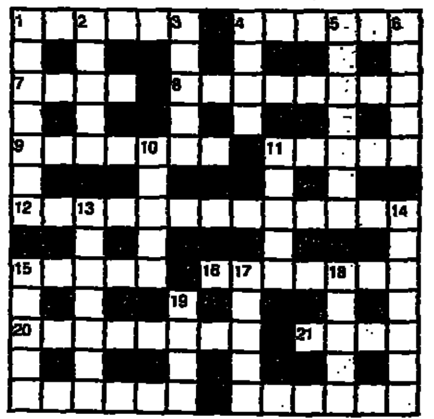

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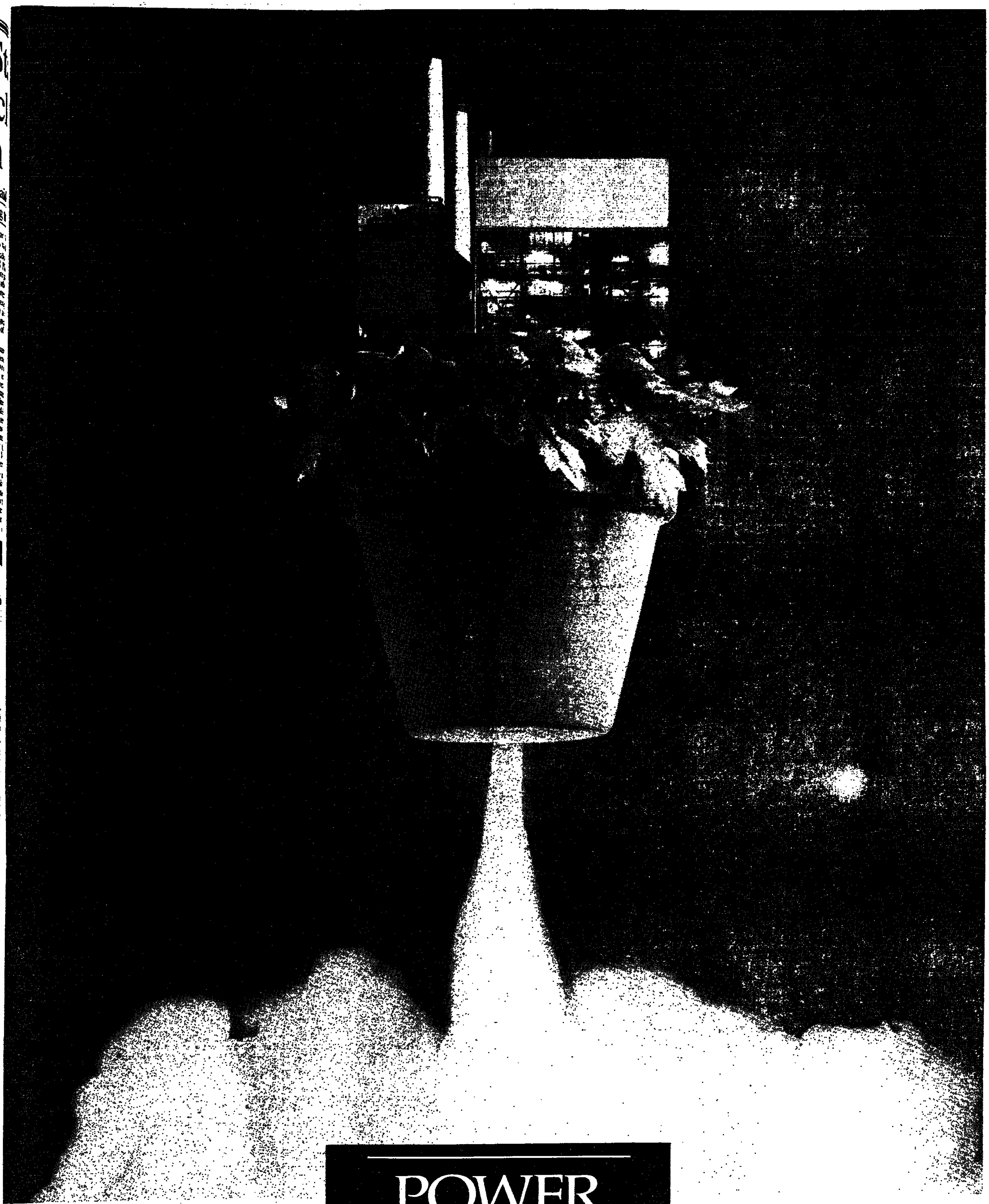

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THE TIMES DIARY

High noon at Heinemann

Just when *Spycatcher* is making progress in its battle for publication here, the top man at Peter Wright's British publishers has resigned. William Heinemann's managing director, Brian Perman, who two weeks ago cheekily accepted on behalf of Mrs Thatcher an "award" for her services in promoting the book, leaves with three other senior directors. One of the trade's best known publicists, Susan Boyd, the wife of novelist William, was last night said to be considering whether to join the exodus. In a heavily ironic letter to agents announcing his departure Perman wrote: "I felt impelled to resign." It appears that the resignations may be connected with the appointment as publishing director of the highly respected Helen Fraser, who left Collins this summer. The departure of William Heinemann's senior management will undoubtedly leave some of its authors, who include Marilyn French and Fay Weldon, in a quandary at a time of great flux in publishing. Two years ago Heinemann itself was bought by Paul Hamlyn's Octopus group.

Sale offer

When the family silver goes for a song there is usually little one can do about it. But one Irish country house owner tells a different story. Major Victor McCalmont, who auctioned part of an inheritance at his Mount Juliet home in County Kilkenny last September, included a painting of Captain Cook whose importance Sotheby's failed to recognize. The picture — by William Hodges around the time of Cook's 1772 to 1775 voyage — went for IR£27,000 (£24,500) and was then resold by a hawk-eyed Bond street dealer, David Posnett, to the National Maritime Museum for £630,000. The original estimate was IR£450. But the major is selling more of his inheritance through Sotheby's later this month, and recompense has clearly been forthcoming. The vendor's premium is usually 10 per cent, but the major would only tell me: "Sotheby's have altered their terms in a satisfactory way. They have been very helpful."

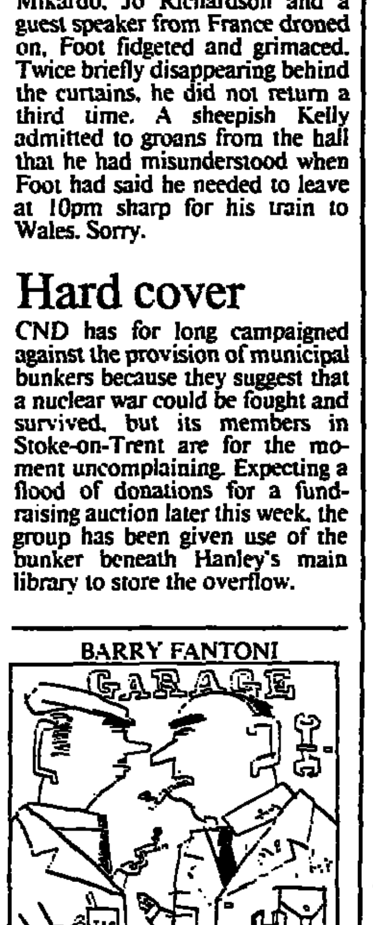
Making tracks

Michael Foot wasted his time when he joined speakers at *Tribune's* 50th anniversary rally at the Labour conference this week. Chairing the meeting, the left-wing weekly's new editor, Phil Kelly, decided to save his most famous predecessor's contribution until the end. As Ken Livingstone, Joan Ruddock, Chris Mullin, Tom Sawyer, Diane Abbott, Ian Mikardo, Jo Richardson and a guest speaker from France droned on, Foot fidgeted and grimaced. Twice briefly disappearing behind the curtains, he did not return a third time. A sheepish Kelly admitted to groans from the hall that he had misunderstood when Foot had said he needed to leave at 10pm sharp for his train to Wales. Sorry.

Hard cover

CND has for long campaigned against the provision of municipal bunkers because they suggest that a nuclear war could be fought and survived, but its members in Stoke-on-Trent are for the moment uncomplaining. Expecting a flood of donations for a fund-raising auction later this week, the group has been given use of the bunker beneath Hanley's main library to store the overflow.

BARRY FANTONI



'Seems only yesterday you said they were going to put us out of business'

Butler's tale

American regard for history saw the élite of New York journalism, Pierre Salinger, Walter Cronkite, Art Buchwald *et al*, collected in the Duke of Windsor's old home in Paris on Wednesday to celebrate the centenary of the *International Herald Tribune*. But they were all upstaged by the man who opened the door. Butler Sydney Johnson, who had served the Duke since the age of 16, stood resplendent in Buckingham Palace livery and close to tears: "The first party in the house since just before the master died. It is nice to have laughter again." Then he produced a much-thumbed copy of the *Trib*, discovered among the Duke's possessions. It was handed over to the paper's publisher Lee Huebner by the home's present master, Mohammed al-Fayed, the Egyptian owner of Harrods.

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Her Majesty takes sides

by Enoch Powell

The Queen of Fiji is in a right mess. I myself would not much mind about that, if it were not that the Queen of Fiji happens — I use the word "happens" advisedly, because it is not necessarily so — to be the same person as the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who is my own sovereign and the source of all authority lawfully exercised in my country.

There has been, it appears, a revolution in Fiji and power has been usurped by force — much as it was, for instance, at the French or the American Revolutions. In these circumstances, the United Kingdom, unless stupid enough to attempt to intervene physically, has to decide whether or not to recognize the new government and state created by the revolution. The traditional criterion for reaching such decisions is whether the new government gains effective control of its territory.

If the new state thus recognized is declared a republic, the UK government has to decide whether to invite Parliament to amend our law so that Fiji stays in the Commonwealth. A corresponding decision would have to be taken by every other Commonwealth state in accordance with its own legislative procedures. Hitherto, not unreasonably, all the Commonwealth states have in such cases taken the same decision.

In those decisions of the United Kingdom — recognition, and retention of Commonwealth status — the Crown would act upon the advice of its UK ministers. As sovereign of Fiji before the revolution, the Crown, in the person of its representative, the governor general, was deemed by the like constitutional rule to act always on the advice of its Fijian ministers. If by a revolutionary act — it may unilluminatingly be called "treason" — the governor general is prevented from acting or ceases to have ministers who will advise him, the Crown has no longer any constitutional function unless and until it acquires new ministers.

There seems to be an idea in some quarters that the Queen, acting personally and not on binding ministerial advice, or else some curious entity called "Buckingham Palace", can and does make statements of policy which are calculated to influence the development of affairs in Fiji and which might bear upon the attitude to be taken towards those affairs by the United Kingdom or other states. This idea is constitutionally unsound and fraught with disagreeable consequences.

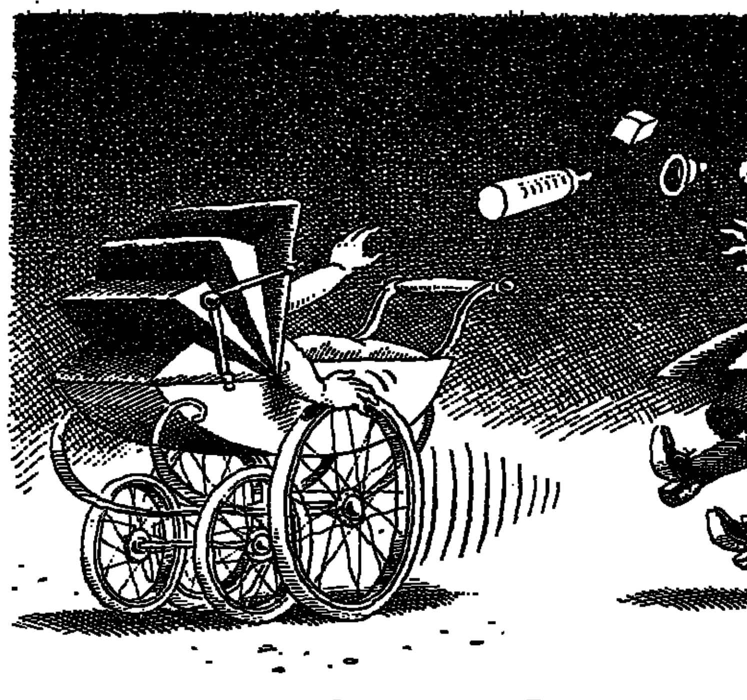
Of course no constitutional rules apply to revolution. Revolution is by definition the breach of existing constitutional rules. But that is far from meaning that, when a revolution occurs in one of Her Majesty's realms, the constitutional principles which are maintained in the United Kingdom and her other realms can wisely or safely be disregarded. It is of the essence of our constitutional monarchy that, when political change is afoot, the monarch remains aloof until the outcome provides new advice. Otherwise the Crown becomes involved itself and is at risk in the conflict; there arise "sides", with the Crown on one of them; and the spectre appears of a "King's party" — the very mischief which we British have slowly and laboriously contrived since 1640 to exorcise.

I have no idea what will be the eventual outcome in Fiji, nor can I assign meaning to the question: "What *ought* the outcome in Fiji to be?" It matters not a rap, so far as I can see, to the United Kingdom. What I do not wish is that, however mistakenly, the impression should gain ground that the sovereign, unsustained by the advice of ministers whom I can get at and criticize, openly favours and promotes one particular outcome or kind of outcome there. Once that impression gains ground without contradiction, its extension may be hard to limit. Indeed, extension to members of the Commonwealth which are republics might be encouraged by the undefinable and contentless description of the sovereign as "head of the Commonwealth". The result would be to weaken everywhere understanding of the constitutional principle of a Crown that acts politically only on responsible advice.

Constitutional logic is apt to avenge attempts to ignore it. The predicament in which we and the sovereign find ourselves today is the result of two such attempts. The more recent and blatant was the pretence that the constitutional monarch of the United Kingdom can also be "head" of a collection of independent countries around the world. But that pretence did no more than project the earlier illogicality of the Statute of Westminster itself. It is in nobody's interest to kick that sleeping dog awake now.

Graham Mather offers an alternative vision of opt-out social services

Breaking free of welfare's bear-hug



Precisely because it does not conceal a hidden agenda to reshape the welfare state, the candid weekend speech by John Moore, the Social Services Secretary, has generated the most promising discussion about the fundamentals of social provision since the ill-fated "think tank" report was shelved in 1983.

Laying bare the moral, social and individual aspects of welfare care helps to disentangle issues that have languished in the short-term rhetoric of interest-group politics. Yet to place the welfare state in historical context is also to come up against the pressures which lead to increased public spending, together with the intractable problems of targetting and delivering services to the needy.

So it is as well to be clear from the outset about the starters and non-starters in the search for clues to the way in which state welfare care will develop.

It must be apparent that the caring services cannot be isolated from a changed general understanding of what is the most efficient way of allocating functions between state and private sector. Just as central and local government are embarked upon a course of retrenchment in the extent of their function and the numbers of direct employees, so the contracting-out of work is likely to develop in ancillary services and primary care alike.

With health and social service authorities responsible for specification and quality control, rather than being involved at every stage in the delivery of services, an extension of competitive tendering holds out the prospect of major improvements in resource allocation. In one health authority studied recently, five out of six contracts put to tender produced savings of between one-third and two-thirds of the former cost, with better management control thrown in.

The scope for help from charitable agencies is large. Some progressive local authorities already ask charities like Age Concern to act as agents for personal social services, and it is clear that modern, well-run charities have an access to voluntary help, and increasingly to cash, that public authorities will find hard to match. A stronger partnership between the public sector and charities is one of the most promising avenues to more effective community care.

It is not possible to separate the financing of the welfare state from its desired outcome. Dependence or independence will ultimately follow the movement of cash. Here lie the keys to past wrong turnings and future possibilities.

All progressive or redistributive tax systems impose means tests: but that does not make means tests pleasant. When a progressive tax system interacts with a mixture of contributory and non-contributory benefits, universal benefits like child benefit, special allowances and discretionary loans, the result is bound to be complex and unsatisfactory. Moving through the system step by step helps to clarify the picture.

For good or ill, child benefit is an isolated example of a universal benefit system that has failed to take root. The expense of collecting through the tax system and reallocating through the benefit system some £5 billion pounds locks millions of middle-class parents unnecessarily into state welfare. Taxing the benefit simply makes farcical the round-trip of cash. But a tax *allowance* would cut out the unnecessary merry-go-round for parents above the tax threshold, leaving cash benefits for those on lower incomes.

With computerization of Inland Revenue systems at long last lumbering into sight, and DHSS national insurance numbers beginning to appear on tax forms, the possibility of integrating tax and benefit systems in a "negative income tax", with one system collecting tax or paying benefit, becomes a possibility.

It is important to be clear about the limits of a unified system. Linked to a basic income guarantee, it would be prey to the same political pressures that transformed Lord Beveridge's national insurance from a genuine insurance scheme to promises by one set of politicians that a succeeding generation would redeem pledges of future benefits for which no provision had been made.

It is the same problem that makes means testing necessary: until the financing of social benefits is honest, open and transparent to individuals who contribute to their cost there is an inevitable tension between the perception of entitlement and the reality of under-funding. But again there is a chance of progress. It is to use the principles that now apply to personal pensions and are beginning to appear in new rights for parents and for tenants to opt out of state provision, taking with them a per capita slice of the spending which would be made on their behalf.

Insurance against unemployment and illnesses other than long-term or catastrophic is provided by mutual societies, bodies linked with trade unions and the private market around the world. Once individuals are allowed to see the pattern of spending made on their behalf, it is a small step to introduce tax reliefs for those who wish to make their own provision, against a state-set minimum protection.

Ultimately, it is possible to envisage families and individuals accepting responsibility for a wider range of social insurance, equipped with a range of opportunities to opt out from state provision through an integrated tax and benefit system, with government setting standards but concentrating most of its help on those whose circumstances correspond more closely with an acceptable definition of the needy.

The government could start by allowing individuals to claim tax relief for private health insurance, perhaps beginning with the elderly, or for topping up state education provision.

An integrated tax and benefit system would speed the process, reducing cash transactions to paper. The same system would pay credits where individuals decided to opt out entirely and make personal provision for their families. A survey this year for the first time put a price tag on the per capita value of these credits. It will be published next month by the Institute of Economic Affairs. It showed an astonishingly high preparedness to accept credits as an alternative to state provision.

Further down the line it is possible to envisage social insurance against less than catastrophic risks being contracted out to mutual funds and savings institutions, with employers contributing to unemployment insurance schemes for their workers.

The package amounts to an updated Beveridge. The astonishing development of financial institutions, and the financial sophistication of millions of people, provide opportunities undreamed of in 1947. Grafted to Beveridge's original concept, of social insurance, with the state meeting the premiums of those unable to contribute, the power and flexibility of our financial institutions can preserve and expand the welfare state.

With a minimum income safety net provided through a streamlined single tax and benefit system, more generous public support in cases of castastrophic and long-term illness and disability could be afforded. Harnessing the insurance market to social care, with basic insurance compulsory, and tax relief to encourage additional personal provision, could mean fewer means tests, greater independence, clearer entitlements and reduced pressure on public spending and redistribution of income. In tune with the trend to personal pensions, opt-outs in education and housing, it could complete the break-out from the shortcomings of the all-embracing state.

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Frances Gibb on concern among lawyers as the government moves to legislation

Squeezing the life out of legal aid?

Next week the government will grant a first glimpse of its plans for the £400 million a year legal aid scheme when the Solicitor General, Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, discloses some details of the Legal Aid Bill.

The planned legislation, to be published in full next month, comes against a background of discontent and fears for the 30-year-old scheme. Richard Gaskell, Law Society vice-president, spoke for everyone at the sharp end of legal practice when he gave notice last week that the society was not prepared to see it "wither" through cash limits; nor "emasculated", with the public denied legal advice from a comprehensive national network of independent solicitors.

The government wants greater control over the rapidly mounting costs of legal aid, which have quadrupled since 1979-80. But lawyers are worried that efficiency will be achieved at the cost of standards. Already legal aid is well on the way to becoming a second-class service, they say; the proposals will seal its fate.

Some two million people a year now benefit from legal aid. In 1986 about 200,000 received it for civil cases; 500,000 in connection with a criminal charge and 1.2 million for advice or assistance from a solicitor. But as demand grows, so numbers of solicitors prepared to do the work threaten to decline. Firms specializing in legal aid amount now to only several hundred, a tiny minority of the 10,000 firms in England and Wales; and most run on bank overdrafts, have small staffs working long hours for low pay, with little technological back-up.

The government has been under pressure to act in the face of the great increase in demand for legal aid, now said to be the single fastest growing branch of public spending. A Treasury-led team of officials came up with radical cost-cutting proposals, which amounted to only £35m savings but with longer term implications for much greater government control over publicly funded legal services. This, watered down, was the basis of a White Paper in March which will be the basis of next month's bill.

One key proposal of the White Paper was for a new legal aid board to take over the scheme from the Law Society; but with far wider powers. It would be in charge of tasks such as assessing the means of a legal aid applicant, decisions on granting criminal legal aid (now done by the courts) and some of the work of determining bills.

The leaders of the Law Society and the Bar want to ensure that the board is sufficiently independent of government to assess fairly a person's need for aid.

Second, the government intends to set standard charges, which means a fixed fee for the job rather than hourly rates. The profession has warned that this could lead to lawyers giving less time and attention to the work, and to more withdrawing from the scheme.

Third, the White Paper made clear that as an "early task" the new board would look at where legal aid advice work (on housing and welfare, for instance) could be "contracted out" to those providing a better service than solicitors at lower cost.

They have advice agencies in mind. It would mean solicitors giving up chunks of legal aid work to non-lawyers. Lawyers say that unless this work is done in a solicitor's office, and under his control, there will be far fewer outlets of advice for the client, who will be shuttled from advice centres to solicitors as soon as court proceedings begin. Above all it would mean, as one judge put it, legal advice given by people not subject to professional controls.

The government's aim for greater efficiency commands widespread support. But the aim is not matched by a commitment to maintaining a high standard of service. On the contrary, the government has made clear that it wants to sever links between rates of pay for privately funded work and those of legal aid work, and will legislate to achieve this.

If the government wants legal aid to survive, its more stringent controls must be accompanied by rates of pay which attract competent lawyers. Otherwise, in the words of one senior judge, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, the gap between the wealthy and poor ends of the profession will widen further, leaving two standards of service, depending on a person's ability to pay.

John Rae

Good and bad film violence

The Home Secretary should consult Thomas Aquinas. The arguments for a just war have a bearing on the debate about violence in the media.

I have just seen Brian de Palma's film, *The Untouchables*, which tells the story of a group of lawmen who break the power of Al Capone in Chicago. It is a brilliantly choreographed film but it is also violent in the explicit manner that gives rise to our current anxiety about the connection between violence in the media and violence in real life.

The reaction of the audience to the violence in *The Untouchables* is instructive. When one of the good guys is slain, the violence is received in silence. But the violent death of the bad guys provokes spontaneous applause. When Capone's gunman, who has murdered a policeman, is thrown off a high building, the audience cheers as enthusiastically as the Israelites cheered when David slew Goliath.

Should we really be concerned about all violence in the media, or is there a distinction to be made between legitimate or just violence, which is used in the pursuit of good goals, and unjust violence, which is anarchic and has no justification? My own reaction to violence on the screen is largely dictated by whether the violence appears to be justified by the evil that its victim has done. When a drug dealer is burnt to death in his car in *Lethal Weapon*, I feel neither sympathy nor revulsion. But when a tramp is kicked to death by a gang of young thugs in *A Clockwork Orange* I am appalled and cannot understand why the censors allow the scene to remain. The drug dealer is evil; he deserves his violent end. The tramp is innocent, the victim of anarchic brutality that can never be justified.

I accept that the portrayal of violence on the screen may encourage the random discharge of violence. What I do not accept is that the portrayal of controlled, legitimate violence has that effect.

I call as witnesses the war film and the western. Both these types of film portray violence but one would not accuse them of encouraging violence in real life. Their violence is harmless in its effect on the audience. What is happening on the bridge at Arnhem and on the streets of Tombstone may look anarchic but the audience knows that it is not. The violence is under control, it is legitimate, it is not excessive. The western sheriff, acting with restraint to defend justice and using violence only when no other course is open to him, fulfils Aquinas's requirements for a just war.

The example of the war film and the western suggests to me that it is not the portrayal of violence as such that we should worry about, but the portrayal of a particular type of violence. Justified violence may offend those who believe that hired killers should have a fair trial before being thrown off the roof, but as a screen fantasy it appears to do no harm. What *is* likely to trigger the adult psychopath and the young thug is the portrayal of uncontrolled, random and illegitimate violence, because that is precisely the sort of violence that excites them.

The dangerous individual is the one who has not come to terms with the violence in himself. We are all born with potential for violence. The balanced and mature have learnt how to control it. The unbalanced and immature have not. It does not require any research to tell us that an individual who cannot control the violence inside him may be stimulated to act violently by seeing violence portrayed on the screen.

My argument is that it is not all violence that provides the stimulation but only those violent scenes that echo his own violent urges.

The counter-argument is that the unbalanced and immature do not distinguish between just and unjust violence, between the restrained sheriff and the anarchic gunfighter, and that any portrayal of violence might provide the trigger. But I am unconvinced and believe this blanket approach may lead to mistakes in censorship.

The present demand for more censorship concentrates on reducing the incidence and the explicitness of violence. It is true that in recent years the censor has allowed more explicit violence. The use of imitation blood — made by a firm in Kensington and known in the trade as Kensington Gore — has greatly increased. But while the goriness of contemporary screen violence *may* be disturbing, I do not think that in itself it is dangerous. The unseen, implicit violence in a Hitchcock movie may prey more insistently on the unbalanced mind.

It does not really matter that the sheriff's bullets draw blood these days. What does matter is that alongside the increase in Kensington Gore the censors have given the thugs, the rapists and the psychopaths the freedom of our screens. It is this increase in illegitimate violence that should worry us.

So I favour a selective approach to censorship. Scenes of illegitimate violence that excite unbalanced and immature minds should be heavily censored. You do not have to show a gang rape in all its detail to explain to the audience why society is hunting down the men involved. But scenes of legitimate violence should be less heavily censored. Not only are they harmless. They also reinforce morality. The wages of sin may be a violent death.

The author, Director of the Laura Ashley Foundation, was formerly head master of Westminster School.

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however . . . Henry Stanhope

We rest our vanity case

Women's clothes next year, I read, are going to be short and "flirty", with romantic off-the-shoulder potential and apparently the occasional frou-frou — which I always thought had more to do with French maids and poodles than couture.

Well, that sounds all right to me. I am, however, under no illusions as to why this might be so. Any idea that this slight suggestion of *decolleté* in the spring of 1988 is intended to delight the masculine eye should be dismissed with the speed of Ms Linda Bellos tearing up a copy of *Playboy*.

Given that the sexes seem intended to attract each other (except in Haringey, Lambeth and Brent) one might have thought that they would dress with that in mind. But they don't. At least, women don't.

In the case of the 20th century male, such insouciance is permissible. Women might justifiably recoil from some unshaven brute in grubby slacks and T-shirt, shuffling round the house in bedroom slippers. But as long as he looks clean and tidy, they don't much mind what he wears.

Indeed, woman are pretty conventional about male dress. Young men sometimes go to extravagant lengths to appear à la mode — particularly since the rise of the male boutique. But most of them need not bother. As long as they wear a decent suit, collar and tie, with a sound-looking pair of brogues and laundered shirt — their better halves rest their case.

Hair care is rather similar. Many are those teenage males who spend small fortunes on hair tonic in the belief that it might prevent them from going bald. A friend of mine read somewhere that "Black Strap Molasses" was a useful prophylactic in this respect and bought copious quantities in his youth. I cannot remember whether he rubbed it into his scalp or swallowed it. All I do know is that it didn't work very well.

The point I am making, however, is that most women I know find this masculine concern quite beyond them — like cricket and fishing in gravel pits. As for men who wear toupees and wigs . . . their chances of winning approval through such deceit are pretty slight.

In short, women regard vanity as a female prerogative. Their menfolk can have their football, motor bikes, beer and snooker. But given her way the traditional Englishwoman would slam the door of the boutique and hair stylist's salon in their faces. Men are not supposed to look in mirrors — except just to straighten their ties or prevent themselves from cutting their throat while shaving.

She does not even dress with them in mind. The last thing she thinks of when she buys a new dress or spring coat is whether or not her husband will be pleased. No, she does so to impress her female friends. Clothes therefore have to be as good as she can afford and in tune with the latest trend — her friends being aware of such things. Whether the effect makes her more attractive or less attractive to the male of the species is at best a pretty secondary consideration.

There was a period in the 1960s when women's fashion was pleasing to most men. I refer of course to the era of the mini-skirt and the Blessed Mary Quant. But those men who might have thought that the hemline was raised to ever greater heights to intrigue or tantalize them were living in fantasy-land. It happened because it was in fashion. The higher the hemline, the more in fashion they were — and the more they impressed each other with their daring and *je ne sais quoi*. The same applied of course to the so-called "kinky boot" which, incidentally, became fashionable in summer, thus causing acute discomfort to those who wore them.

Most clothes shown off by couturiers in their January shows, when mannequins swank down cat-walks before fashion writers enjoying a week in Paris, to most men look perfectly frightful. Frankly, I suspect that when the couturier M Jean-Paul Poule-Barbu says that low hemlines and purple tulle are "in" this year, he just happens to have bought several miles of the stuff in a job lot. He knows only too well that with the help of a few well-chosen words by his PR agents he can quickly get rid of the lot.

Still, it looks as if by happy chance 1988 should be one of London's more scenic years. I see incidentally that half the American men questioned in a magazine survey complained that the clothes worn by women at work were "pointedly provocative". They'd better not come over here next year, that's all I say . . .

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MR LIVINGSTONE PREDICTS

The man of dishonour is never more dangerous than when he is telling the truth. Mr Ken Livingstone, newly elected member of Labour's ruling national executive, warned on Wednesday night that if the party planned to abandon its non-nuclear defence policy, there would be civil war. For making this prophecy, he won bitter abuse in the defence debate yesterday. To Mr Tony Clarke, replying on behalf of the NEC, the actions of the former leader of the GLC were "immature, disgraceful, beneath the dignity of parliament". To Mr Denis Healey, he was a would-be godfather, fit only to "make horses' heads for the mafia".

Mr Livingstone is not a man renowned for sensitivity, either to his political opponents or to the truth. But not even his fiercest critics could call him a liar on this occasion. The "civil war" was going on all around them. Whether that war will make Labour unelectable, as Mr Livingstone also predicted, or whether it can end in a more acceptable defence policy for the Labour party, remains an open question.

Yesterday's auguries will take a little time to become clear. The content of the debate was depressing. The black-and-white badges of CND shone time and time again from the rostrum; their wearers seemingly convinced that Trident could be turned into hospitals, that the Geneva arms talks owed their progress to the women of Greenham Common, that either there was no Russian threat or that the civil resistance of British socialists would be sufficient to keep that threat at bay.

It was an awesome display of cant. In terms of substantive replies there came only caution, a few straws with little wind. Yesterday it was no contest. The question is: will it ever be a contest? Does Mr Kinnock realise that this is a civil war which he must sincerely want to win?

There are some signs that he does. There has emerged this week the possibility that Mr Kinnock might be preparing to fight the next election on a policy which is "non-nuclear" in its eventual aim but not unilateralist in its methods. Mrs Joan Ruddock, a former chairman of CND and now a Labour MP, suggested that Trident could be retained for its political uses, presumably in some form of arms reduction talks. Mr Kinnock echoed this in interviews yesterday.

Such a policy would not, in our view, be safe or acceptable until the Soviet Union is a provenly different state than it is today. And whatever Mr Gorbachov says, that proof will not be forthcoming in the period of time that is under consideration in Brighton. Nor indeed, whatever Mr Kinnock might say, is there likely to be acceptable proof that, as Prime Minister, he would not bargain away the Trident system in a deal which is as close to unilateralism as to make no difference.

From the Labour Party's point of view, however, there is a sensible question of whether such a policy might be enough to make it more electable. It would be foolish for it not to consider that, and Mr Kinnock now has the vote from his conference which empowers him to do so.

The events of the past two days have reminded us, however, of the very great obstacle that stands between the Labour Party and a platform on which it can plausibly face the electorate. For there is not only the ignorance of strategy, the illiteracy of military tactics that has been so deeply inculcated in the party at every level. There is the fact that the centre of that ignorance, in the party's constituency associations, is the power base for a man who is clearly Mr Kinnock's enemy.

Mr Livingstone uses Labour's totems like a terrorist throwing grenades. He may be sincere in his view of our national defence but he is much more serious about the defence of his personal political position, the base which brought him to power and which alone can keep him there. The open debate in Brighton this week has been about the obstacles — both politicians and policies — between Mr Kinnock and the door of Ten Downing Street. The hidden debate has been about how much of those obstacles Mr Kinnock really sees — and how much force he is prepared to use to push them aside.

THIRTY YEARS ON

Away from the fire and froth of Brighton, the painstaking business of securing the long-term future of Britain's defences continues. A degree of cooperation between the strategic nuclear forces of Britain and France has begun to look a serious possibility after talks between officials in London and Paris.

It may seem surprising to some that it has taken so long to examine this question. Both nations are partners in Nato (though the French have withdrawn from the integrated command structure); both belong to the European Community and, as founder members of the Western European Union (WEU), they are obliged to come to one another's defence in wartime. That two such powers, linked by current commitments and divided by only 22 miles of sea, have not found some means of cooperation before this may seem (put like that) to be almost perverse.

There are, of course, historical, technical and political reasons. Even now it would be foolish to presume too much too soon, given the obstacles ahead and the doubts which remain evident within both governments. None the less, there are attractive arguments for exploring the ground at all levels.

The least difficult involves joint patrolling — which has obvious benefits for Britain. With six submarines to carry their underwater deterrent, the French can guarantee three boats on station at any one time. But the Royal Navy, with a total force of four, can be sure of having no more than one — though for much of the time there should be two. Liaison with the French *force de dissuasion* should make each country more confident of the survival of at least one boat in wartime, when enemy anti-submarine activity would be intensive.

Joint targeting is more complicated. The French at present dismiss the possibility of disclosing their national list of targets and the British could find themselves in difficulties with the Americans, with whom they already liaise.

In the wake of a superpower agreement to withdraw all intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) from Europe, both governments might think it desirable to maximize what long-range nuclear weapons they possess. Sir Geoffrey Howe referred in Brussels last March to the development of a stronger WEU, based on Western Europe's conventional forces and the British and French nuclear deterrents.

But to rush things at this stage would be both unnecessary and unwise. It is only since M. Chirac became prime minister last year that the French have shown much interest and only since an INF agreement began to look likely that they have become at all enthusiastic.

Mrs Thatcher and M. Chirac have a good understanding. The INF deal may make the discussions timely. But the talk is of a period many years ahead. Nor, even now, are all British ministers as keen as Sir Geoffrey and Mr George Younger.

The third area to explore involves the development of a next-generation deterrent to succeed Trident in Britain and the new multiple-warhead M4/TN-70 French missile. Britain showed interest in similar collaboration as long ago as the early 1970s, when it was prospecting for a successor to Polaris.

In theory, French experience in developing rockets and the British superiority in warhead design should make such a marriage seem attractive. But France's reluctance to compromise its independence, together with British doubts over how much technical knowledge it could share (given that much had been provided by the Americans under restrictive agreements) combined to dash the Heath government's enthusiasm.

Now the issue is once more alive — and received keen backing from Mr Michael Heseltine last week. Whether it can be sustained is another matter. But if Anglo-French cooperation is going to extend into the field of nuclear weapon development, then now is the time to start talking — more than 30 years away from the in-service date.

Future discussions will have to be conducted in consultation with the Americans and West Germans. It is within the overall context not just of European defence but that of Nato as an alliance that they must be held. Bearing those considerations in mind, however, it is important that the talks should continue. This is a time at which both countries need to keep their options open.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By-pass concern in Winchester

From the Mayor and the Dean of Winchester

Sir, The Department of Transport's proposal for the M3 takes a high-level motorway up to 400 feet wide

1. Through the area of outstanding natural beauty and the SSSI (site of special scientific interest) which include St Catherine's Hill and Twyford Down.
2. Through the ancient monument area with its downland hill settlements on the south side of Twyford Down.
3. At a high level 30 to 50 feet above the Itchen Valley SSSI water meadows at Hockley.
4. At a high level over the railway at Shawford.
5. Within about 350 yards of the ramparts of St Catherine's Hill.
6. On embankments rising about 125 feet higher than the level of the present Winchester by-pass.

The earthworks, excavation and ultimate road across Twyford Down will extend to at least 30 acres in extent and the cutting will have sides 100 feet high at its deepest point.

The alternative option of a tunnel has been rejected by the department. One objection is that a tunnel would take six years to build. This is the time allowed for the whole of the Channel Tunnel. A further major objection is as to cost, but it has recently become clear that the extra cost of a tunnel would not make the M3 Winchester-Southampton extension more expensive per mile than a number of other motorway schemes in hand or accepted by the department and in the road programme.

To save Winchester's splendid downland background it is imperative that the scheme for an immense cutting through Twyford Down and at high level over the water meadows and railway be abandoned. The whole project for a "high road" motorway should be changed to a low-level road, low through the downland, low over the water meadows and low under the railway at Shawford.

Such a scheme would have the advantage in time and in other respects that it would have the backing of public opinion in Winchester, which strongly favours the removal of the present by-pass but opposes the proposed cutting and high-level road.

We write as custodians of Winchester's heritage.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS COVILL (Mayor of Winchester),
TREVOR BEESON (Dean),
The Mayor's Parlour,
Guildhall,
Winchester, Hampshire.
September 30.

Fiji thorn in Commonwealth side

From Dr C. F. Forsyth

Sir, Gerald Kaufman's article ("Keep open a bridge to Fiji", September 29) is disingenuous.

First, while Mr Kaufman makes the trite point that a republic with a military government may be a member of the Commonwealth, he pointedly ignores the crucial one, viz, that, unlike the other military governments in the Commonwealth, the Queen heads the lawful government of Fiji and that Colonel Rabuka and his troops are in rebellion against her. And this means that there is a special difficulty with a republican Fiji joining the Commonwealth: how can rebels against the Crown recognise the Queen as Head of the Commonwealth with any degree of plausibility or sincerity?

Thus quite apart from the unpopularity in the Commonwealth of a Fijian government based on race, the admission of a republican Fiji to the Commonwealth would be very difficult unless the Queen pardoned the rebels and abdicated the Fijian throne.

Secondly, Mr Kaufman ends his article with a call for "positive intervention" by the Commonwealth and says that "such intervention should be an immediate priority for the Commonwealth Secretariat, so that, if at all possible, a democratic Fiji can be properly represented in Vancouver next month".

But now it is my turn to make a trite point: as Mr Kaufman knows the Commonwealth Secretariat has no executive powers and all the intervention it can offer is in the form of pious words, which are unlikely to bear fruit in the short term, if at all.

The only realistic way in which a democratic Fiji could take its place in Vancouver next month would be if powers such as New Zealand and Australia intervened militarily. That looks unlikely at present, but if it is what Mr Kaufman is advocating, he should say so.

Yours faithfully,
C. F. FORSYTH,
Robinson College,
Cambridge.
September 29.

Multiple pregnancies

From Professor David C. Anderson

Sir, Professor Ian Craft (article, September 24) implies that replacement of large numbers of embryos or eggs, with its attendant risk of high multiple pregnancy, is justified by the improved singleton pregnancy rate. Of the many problems with this incautious approach let me pick up two.

First, quite a small and inadvertent change in their technique might easily suddenly increase the incidence and size of multiple pregnancies.

Secondly, by adopting this blunderbuss approach he is simultaneously ruling out the option of enhancing the woman's singleton pregnancy rate by freezing down "spare" eggs or embryos and replacing them in her subsequent spontaneous cycles.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID C. ANDERSON,
University of Manchester,
Department of Medicine,
Hope Hospital,
Salford, Manchester.

From Professor Ian Craft and others

Sir, Infertility treatment by assisted reproduction should be flexible, to suit the needs of individual couples, i.e., in principle no different from any other form of medical care.

Although the Voluntary Licensing Authority (VLA) has withdrawn its voluntary licence from this unit (report, later editions, September 26) we still feel this is so. Doctors do not always agree, and there have even been differences and difficulties on some emotive issues with our own ethical committee, but these are understandable with such a complex subject.

The VLA's 1987 guidelines, made public on May 6, indicate that *all* patients will receive only three, or exceptionally four eggs or embryos. We expressed our reservations and offered to discuss them with the VLA. There was no response and the voluntary licence was withdrawn.

It is unfortunate that such an action should have been taken, since the VLA's own recommended patient consent form for treatment clearly indicates "the number of embryos for replacement will be at the absolute sole discretion of the medical and scientific staff of the centre". Almost all infertile patients support that view.

If faced with two possible choices — undertaking clinical treatment resulting in the limited success for some couples with permission to perform research on human embryos, or endeavouring to provide optimal clinical treatment for all, without that research, then we would opt for the latter. There is now an urgent need for legislation.

Yours faithfully,
IAN CRAFT,
PETER BRINSDEN,
ERIC SIMONS,
Humana Hospital Wellington,
Fertility & IVF Unit,
Wellington Place, NW8.

Careers in TV

From Mr Martyn Lewis

Sir, David Nicholas, Editor of ITN, complains uncharacteristically (September 26) about the current movement of staff towards the BBC. He repeats an earlier allegation that ITN is a "West Point" training ground for the BBC, and asks whether a modest sum from the BBC's licence money could find its way to ITN's "hard-pressed" training budget.

I hope in his financial calculations he will take account of the many ITN presenters, reporters, producers, writers and directors who did much, if not all, of their early training courtesy of the BBC. I can think of 32 people who fall into these categories. They include the editors of two of ITN's main bulletins, ITN's deputy editor, the editor of Super-Channel News, and the new Editor of Channel Four News, as well as 12 presenters and on-screen reporters.

This is to say nothing of ITN's corps of video editors and engineers, many of whom acquired their considerable skills at the BBC.

David Nicholas is right to welcome the competition for the services of experienced people within the rapidly expanding world of television, but when he has balanced out the sums on who has been trained with what and by whom, I am sure the BBC would greatly look forward to receiving ITN's cheque — or, in view of the above track record, perhaps he would care to make it a standing order.

Yours sincerely,
MARTYN LEWIS,
BBC News & Current Affairs,
Television Centre,
Wood Lane, W12.
September 30.

Giant puffballs

From Dr A. R. Date

Sir, During the last few months I have spent some time being driven between my home and the Royal Marsden Hospital, in Surrey. That part of the journey involving the M25 motorway has been of interest not only for the numerous traffic jams, but also for the sight of literally hundreds of giant puffballs occupying the central reservation of the M25 for a mile south of the junction with the M3. I have spent many happy "minutes" studying the development (some to the size of footballs) and decline (splitting and discoloration) of several generations of such fungi.

My previous recollection of seeing giant puffballs was over 30 years ago, as a youth in South Wales, when a farmworker in my village collected two (again football-sized) specimens from a local field.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN R. DATE,
42 Marlborough Avenue,
Ruislip, Middlesex.
September 23.

Wire by phone

From Professor M. L. West, FBA

Sir, It is all very well your correspondents entertaining us with amusing errors resulting from telephone dictation. I have recently discovered that dictation by telephone is now the only way in which one can send an international telegram.

Yours faithfully,

M. L. WEST,
Royal Holloway and
Bedford New College,
Department of Classics,
Egham Hill,
Egham, Surrey.
September 21.

Into the unknown

From Mr G. G. I. Barker

Sir, We have just re-leaded the roof of St Mary's church, Wilby, which was last done in 1657, according to the plaque mounted on it. We have put a similar plaque with 1987 on it in its place.

Under the new lead I have put a copy of *The Times*, the local paper, the *East Anglian Daily Times*, our parish magazine and one or two photographs. I also wish to include a letter and would be glad of any advice that your readers could give me regarding its contents.

It will be addressed to Wilby inhabitants who are likely to be re-leading the roof in the year 2287. After much thought I could only think of saying that I hoped they were still using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and that the weather was nice!

Yours faithfuly,
GEORGE BARKER
(Churchwarden),
The Rookery, Wilby,
Eye, Suffolk.

'Forgotten' command

From the Chairman of the Battle of Britain Fighter Association

Sir, I write in response to the letter from Dr William Rodney (September 23). The courage and endurance of those who bore the burden of the long bombing campaign cannot and must not ever be forgotten.

Official approval has at last now been received for a memorial to be erected to the late Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, Commander-in-Chief of Fighter Command in the Battle of Britain. It will take the form of a statue outside the RAF church of St Clement Danes, in Aldwych. It has no connection with the extravagant memorial proposed for dockland and recently critized in your columns.

To the very many who share Dr Rodney's views it should be made quite clear that the statue will commemorate a victory not for Fighter Command alone but for the entire RAF and indeed for the nation as a whole.

Yours etc,
C. N. FOXLEY-NORRIS,
Chairman,
The Battle of Britain
Fighter Association,
Tumble Wood,
Northend Common,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Shirt off his back

From Mr Paul Keers

Sir, Mr Gerald Leach (September 24) bemoans the fact that, because of the expense of laundering his starched dress shirt, his black onyx studs have become redundant.

However, it is perfectly acceptable nowadays to wear dress studs with a soft evening shirt.

A case, perhaps, of etiquette becoming a little less rigid.

Yours,
PAUL KEERS,
34 Montagu Square, W1.

From Mr J. B. Hall

Sir, I suspect that Mr Leach, of Bembridge, has gone to or been taken to the cleaners.

My firm wishes to remain anonymous; however, as launderers and cleaners our charge for laundering and starching a stiff-fronted evening shirt is £1.12, plus 17p tax for HMG, making a total of £1.29.

These shirts are often worn on "mess nights" and we have been known to receive them from BAOR, in Germany, as apparently £6.50 is not enough to entice any German firm to remain in the market.

Yours sincerely,
J. B. HALL,
Lane's End,
Rollestone Road,
Shrewton, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Mrs Jillian Pumfrey

Sir, Mr Leach should keep his black onyx studs as a reminder, for every dog has his day, but not every dog knows when he is having it!

Yours faithfully,
JILLIAN PUMFREY,
Brook Hall,
Crowfield,
Ipswich, Suffolk.

War games

From his Honour Judge Wroath

Sir, I was fascinated by the letter of Mrs Cherry Robinson (September 28) on her son hardening conkers in a microwave.

Conkers hardened in the oven in my day were known as "bakies" and banned from legitimate contests. They were easily spotted, but are they so easily identified after microwave treatment?

Yours faithfully,
J. H. WROATH,
Little Barn Cottage,
Treviskey, Portloe, Cornwall.

Hard way home for the elderly

From Mr G. L. Wensley

Sir, On Saturday, September 26, I had the misfortune to arrive at Dover harbour with a group of some 40 members of the University of the Third Age in Cambridge, all over 60, many over 70 and some over 80. We were returning from a study tour of Italy by coach.

It appears that HM Customs have some curious criteria whereby they permit some coaches to pass through customs without offloading heavy baggage whereas others are not so permitted and customers have to carry this luggage through customs and back to the coach for reloading.

For some reason, in spite of protests, we were placed in the second category. There were no porters and the 300 trolleys were manifestly inadequate for the 5,000 passengers arriving at the same time. Consequently most of our group had to carry all their luggage some 250 yards.

Officials approached, whether HM Customs or Dover Harbour Board, neither admitted responsibility nor offered any assistance.

Our treatment as returning resident "senior citizens" contrasted with our smooth passage across frontiers within the rest of Europe and it is easy to understand why our colleagues in the EEC are not always convinced that our bureaucracy sees us as part of the Community.

Yours faithfully,
G. L. WENSLEY
(Director of Studies),
University of the Third
Age in Cambridge,
8a Castle Street, Cambridge.
September 27.

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 2 1840

Concern for the state of Britain's defences was expressed in two letters of strongly contrasting styles.

A VISIT TO THE NAVY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir, — If you please to tell the public that me and my wife have found out that things is not as they should be. We left Cheapside, and went down by railway to Southampton a few days past for a little sea air, and to make an incursion to the Isle of White [*sic*], and my wife, whose fond of these things, said, "We'll look at Her Majesty's vessels, for I'll never believe that there's not plenty of 'em all ready, when (my wife reads pollitics) I see that the French is at their old work abusing John Bull, who wants to be quiet, and then there's Mahomet Hally up in Egypt, that old tyrant, giving himself airs, he won't be cohearsed." — "My dear", says I, "be trankwill, we've lots of ships." Then we took a boat: says my wife to the waterman, "What have we got to defend ourselves?" — "Ma'am, I'll show you a fine ship at Spithead, the Vain Guard, 80." Away he rows; there was nothing to be seen but a Dutchman. "Ha," says the waterman, "that's a thousand pities: she's gone to the Straits." — "What!" says my wife, "is there nothing? Why, what's to become of us? The Vain Guard gone and left us bare? Why Spithead, as I used when I was a girl to see so beautiful, is as bare as my hand. There's nothing! The French is coming. The Ministers know nothing about it, rely upon it. They would not put up with such things: write up directly and give information. I'll tell ye what to say, that I will: this will never do. I'll petition Parliament, that I will." . . . Please to tell us, Sir, what's to be done?

Your most humble servant,
TIMOTHY STAYTAPE.
Cheapside, Sept. 10, 1840.

THE NAVAL ARSENAL AT PEMBROKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir, — In your leader on Friday last you ably pointed out the inefficiently protected state of our naval arsenals generally, for of their safety it may be truly said, "nomen et praeterea nihil". But, Sir, whatever may be the case with others, Pembroke is still more lamentably neglected. Would you believe it, Sir, that its only defence consists in a fort constructed close to the water's edge, exposed to attacks from all the adjacent heights, and with but some ten or twelve worn-out artillerymen to work its guns? It is true there is a company (mark the force) of marines to mount guard — a sergeant's guard — in the dockyard; still, it cannot be expected, let their gallantry be ever so acknowledged, "per mare, per terram", that such an insignificant number could prove of any benefit in protecting an arsenal of Pembroke's magnitude. The authorities must either think the place invulnerable or not worth the expense of protection. There is not so much as a small cruiser on the station — not even the appearance of a guardship, as at other ports . . .

Your insertion of these hastily-written remarks cannot fail to do good, and will greatly oblige, Sir, yours, obediently,

Sept. 29. AN OBSERVER.

Control by insects

From Dr Denis Pirrie

Sir, Bracken is not the only weed the control of which might best be done by the introduction or reintroduction of insects. Until 20 years or so ago ragwort was more or less controlled by cinnabar moths and by the end of August the plants were covered by the black and yellow caterpillars eating leaves and flowers. Pesticides did for the insects — and now ragwort flourishes unchecked where farmers and others cannot or do not wish to use herbicides — but the cinnabar is very uncommon.

Could not a university department or ICI arrange for the breeding of a stock of these useful insects and for their distribution, so that pastures may be free of this noxious, if handsome, weed and partridges and other birds delighted by the return of this food.

Once established, the cinnabar will spread happily, a most cost-effective investment.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS PIRRIE,
Flat 3, 14 Grange Gardens,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.

The unique screen

From Mr D. B. Taylor

Sir, Your distinction between censorship and editorship (leading article, September 22) would be fine if it concerned a privately owned newspaper such as yourselves. But as you yourself suggest, the case of television is (as yet) to some extent unique. The same circumstances which render its images peculiarly powerful render the distinction you have tried to draw peculiarly tenuous.

Nevertheless, the problem you draw attention to is a real one. A possible way forward is the proposed increase in the number of channels available. I for one would be happy with some decline in our boasted standards of excellence if it also meant a decline in the excessive influence which the existing channels seem to have over us.

But the price would only be worth paying if at the same time it was accepted that the different channels were entitled to exercise different standards of editorship; in some cases standards that perhaps the majority of us disapproved of.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID TAYLOR,
7 Basil Mansions,
Basil Street, SW3.

Drop in the bucket

From Mr D. R. Linnell

Sir, Wing Commander McClure-Hall (September 25) will find that almost all cafés and tearooms provide small round bowls on each table for the disposal of teabags. However, some ill-mannered customers persist in disposing of cigarette ash in them as well.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LINNEL,
6 Alderton Rise,
Loughton, Essex.

School governors

From Mr Dick H. Pantlin

Sir, You have reported (September 21) that the National Union of Teachers believes that parents have neither the time nor the expertise to become valid governors of State schools, and that they are unwilling and unable to assume these responsibilities.

It might be useful to point out that virtually all the member schools of this organisation were created and are run by boards composed of businessmen and women; some have children in their school, some do not. As many of our schools have multi-million pound budgets, have had to build and equip their schools and have no administrative or financial assistance whatever from outside, the responsibilities and role of governors are considerable. Even in small communities we have no difficulty in finding enthusiastic volunteers.

Both pupils and teachers profit greatly by this system, which has the added advantage of bringing the educational and business worlds closer together, to their mutual benefit. There should be no reason why expatriate experience should not be valid at home.

Yours faithfully,

D. H. PANTLIN (Chairman),
Council of British Independent
Schools in the European
Communities,
11 Aveue de Mercure,
Brussels, Belgium
September 25.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 1: By command of The Queen, the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the arrival of the Governor-General of Australia and Lady Stephen and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 1: The Princess of Wales this evening attended a Reception in aid of the International Spinal Research Trust, at Grocers' hall, London EC2.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 1: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visted Glasgow and was received on arrival at Glasgow Airport by the Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (The Right Hon Robert Gray, The Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, President of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present this evening at a Fashion Show held in aid of the Society at the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Wills.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 1: The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Educational Corps, today visited the Garrison at Catterick.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Euan McCorquodale, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 1: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited the Inter-Airport Exhibition and Jaguar (Deutschland) in Frankfurt, West Germany.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the National Society for Cancer Relief, today attended the launch of the West Berkshire Macmillan Cancer Care Appeal at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Berkshire.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

Dinners

Horners' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Horners' Company held yesterday at the Mansion House. Mr Basil Becker, Master, presided, and the Lord Mayor, Mr David White and Sir Brian Rix, Secretary-General of Mencap, also spoke.

Law Society and Bar Council
Mr Derek Bradbeer, President of the Law Society, and Mr Peter Scott, QC, Chairman of the Bar Council, gave a dinner last night at Law Society's Hall, to mark the opening of the legal year, on behalf of the English legal profession in honour of their colleagues from Canada, the United States, Europe and other United Kingdom jurisdictions, and representatives of the Court of Justice of the European Community and the European Court of Human Rights.

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, was host at a dinner held at the House of Lords on September 29, for the Society of Environmental Engineers to entertain the mambers of the Committee of European Environmental Engineering Societies. The speakers included Sir Monty Finniston, president, Mr M. Gross, chairman, and Mrs H.M.W. Gibbons, secretary of the society, and Mr P. Lemann, Chairman of CEEES.

Company of Information Technologists
The Master, Mr Barney Gibbens, presided at the inaugural dinner of the Company of Information Technologists held last night at Saddlers' Hall in the City of London. The toast to the guests was proposed by Lord Weinstock and Sir Eric Sharp responded. At the meeting held before the dinner, Mr John Fairclough was elected Senior Warden and Mr Alderman and Sheriff Brian Jenkins was elected Junior Warden for the year to September 1988.
The new company's aim is to promote investment in information technology and to promote education and training for the skillforce of the future.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Professor H. Peter Jost, Vice-President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, was host at a dinner held last night at 1 Birdcage Walk in honour of the Soviet Tribology delegation consisting of Academician Professor V.A. Beliyi, Vice-President of the Belorussian Academy of Sciences, Academician A. Sviridenok, Director of the Institute of Mechanics, Gomel, and Dr N.K. Myshkin.

Marriages

Dr M.K. Power
and Dr C.R. Sinnott
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 19, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hampton, between Dr Michael Power, youngest son of the late Mr John Power and Mrs Alice Power, of Plymouth, and Dr Claire Sinnott, daughter of Dr Colin and Mrs Audrey Sinnott, of Hampton, Middlesex. Prebendary J.A. Rogers officiated.

Mr A.J.S. Ross
and Miss E.F. Hart
The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Michael and All Angels, Marden, Kent, of Mr Andrew Ross, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Ross, of Postern House, Offham, Kent, and Miss Elizabeth Frances Hart, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hart, of Parkgate Farm House, Tenterden, Kent. The Bishop of Tonbridge officiated, assisted by the Rev Julian Waite.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Susie Ross, Miss Caroline Hartley and Hannah Sparks. Mr Jonathan Ray was best man.

A reception was held at Target Farm, and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Mr B.J. Straughan
and Miss N.W. Gazzard
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 26, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, between Mr Brian Jonathan Straughan, son of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Straughan, of Longdean Park, Chester le Street, Co Durham, and Miss Naomi Willis Gazzard, younger daughter of Major and Mrs R.J.A. Gazzard, of South Street, Durham City. Canon John Oates officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Rachel Harris and Jennifer Trueman. Mr Joe Hardy was best man.

A reception was held at Stationers' Hall and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Appointments

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has announced the following appointments, effective from October 1:
Mr D.A. Hadley to be Deputy Secretary (Agricultural Commodities), in succession to Mr Derek Andrews.

Mr R.J.D. Carden to be promoted to Under Secretary (European and External Relations Group), in succession to Mr Hadley.

University news

College head appointed

Professor Christopher Zeeman, FRS, Director of the Mathematical Research Centre at the University of Warwick, has been appointed Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, from September next year. He will succeed Sir Geoffrey Warnock, who is to retire after 17 years as principal.

St Andrews
Dr Brian Main, reader in economics at Edinburgh University, has taken up the chair of economics at St Andrews. He succeeds Professor Peter Robson.

Dr Paul Gifford has been appointed to the Buchanan chair of French from

Clockmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Clockmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr P.M. Vine; Senior Warden, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne; Renter Warden, Mr A.W. Henn; Junior Warden, Mr M.J. Prince.

Old Cliftonian Society

Old Cliftonians resident in the United Kingdom who have not yet received the annual magazine are asked to communicate with the secretary at school.

Service reception

The King's Regiment
Brigadier P.R. Davies, Colonel of The King's Regiment, and the Regimental Council held a reception last night at Liverpool Museum in honour of Sir Leslie and Lady Young and the Trustees of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside.

Service dinners

The Royal Fusiliers
Major-General Bryan Webster, Deputy Colonel of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, presided at the annual dinner of The Royal Fusiliers Officers' Club held yesterday in HM Tower of London.

8th Gurkha Rifles
Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Dumas presided at the annual dinner of the 8th Gurkha Rifles Association held at the Naval and Military Club yesterday.

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Memorial services

Mr H. Farmar
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Hugh Farmar was held yesterday at St Michael's, Cornhill. The Rev David Burton Evans officiated. Mr Peregrine Farmar, son, and Mr M.R. Harris, Master of the Drapers' Company, read the lessons. Mr A.H. Packe gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Farmar (widow), Mr Francis Farmar (son), Mrs Peregrine Farmar (daughter-in-law), Sir Henry and Lady Rumbold, Sir Algernon and Lady Rumbold, Mrs J Farmar, Mrs D M Farmar, Mr M P Farmar, Major R McLaren, Lord and Lady Swinfen, Mrs David Webster.

Francesca Countess of Gosford, Lord Luke, Lord Reigate, the Hon Claud Phillimore, Marjorie Lady Marling, Sir Nicolas Cheetham, Sir Arthur and Lady Drew, Lady Redgrave, Sir Anthony Lambert, Mr Michael Wakeford (clerk, Mercers' Company), Mr Alan Cox (Grocers' Company), Mr R C G Strick (clerk, Drapers' Company), Mr Myles Glover (clerk, Skinners' Company), Commander W R Miller (Haberdashers' Company), Mr J L Woodhead (representing the churchwardens, St Michael's, Cornhill), Mr Nicolas Wolfers (Midland Bank, International Division).

Mr G M Warr, Mrs A H Packe, Mr and Mrs Michael Craig-Cooper, Colonel R B Tong, Mr Patrick Dalby, Colonel and Mrs Christopher Dawnay, Mr Walter Prideaux, Mr Anthony Toller, Miss P Langley, Mr K Allen, Miss L Buxton, Mr and Mrs Angus Campbell, Mr W Cowan, Mrs M Gibbs, Major C Meredith, Mr Anthony Palmer, Mr and Mrs Cosmo Russell, Miss Edwina Sassoon, Dr and Mrs J Scott, Mrs M Scott, Dr M Speight, Mrs F H Towill, Mr Michael Wood and Countess de Brye.

Group Captain J.S. Goodwin
A memorial service for Group Captain J.S. Goodwin was held yesterday at St Mary's, Bryanston Square. The Rev Iain Mackenzie officiated, assisted by the Rev M.J. Stokes, who led the prayers. The Rev Bernard Coote, Director of the Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead, and Mr T.H. Drabble, Honorary Treasurer of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, read the lessons. Miss Tanya Bruce Lockhart read from Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. Mr Frank Duesbury gave an address.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Jesson
and Miss G. Simakovic
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place quietly in London, on October 14, between Rayner Charles, son of Mr William Jesson and the Hon Mrs Ritchie, and Gordana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Veljko Simakovic, of Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

Mr R.A. Bayliss
and Miss S.A. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Major and Mrs Brian Bayliss, of Binfield, Berkshire, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs Desmond Roberts, of Langport, Somerset.

Mr S.J. Davies
and Miss J.A.M. Glassborow
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Davies, of Cookham, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr David Glassborow and the late Mrs Joyce Glassborow, of Maidenhead.

Mr P.C.O. Frykfors
and Miss K.J. Acheson
The engagement is announced between Peter Carl Olaf Frykfors, of Landskrona, Sweden, and Karen Josephine Acheson, of Gosford, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland.

Mr C. Holder
and Miss K. Wedgbury
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Holder, of Saint Hill, Worcester, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Wedgbury, of Waterden Cottage, Guildford.

Mr N.H. Hollingsworth
and Miss S.J. Thomson
The engagement is announced between Neale Howard, son of Mr and Mrs P. Hollingsworth, of Pattingham, Staffordshire, and Sarah Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Thomson, of Newton Ferrers, Devon.

Mr S.J.D. Jeffries
and Miss A.C. Makowska
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr D.W. Jeffries, of Badbury, Wiltshire, and Mrs J. Jeffries, of Mazowe, Zimbabwe, and Ania, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs Z.S. Makowski, of Ealing, London.

Mr G. Lane
and Miss H.M. Dyson
The marriage of Geoffrey Lane and Maria Dyson will take place on Saturday, at noon at St Augustine's Church, Honor Oak Park, London, SE23.

Mr R.R. Montague-Jones
and Miss A. Price
The engagement is announced between Roy, son of Brigadier and Mrs R. Montague-Jones, of Swanage, Dorset, and Alison, daughter of the late Mr H. Price and Mrs M.E. Price, of Broughton Gardens, Belfast.

Mr G.R. Pollok
and Miss J.C. Young
The engagement is announced between Graeme, eldest son of Mr Alastair Pollok and Mrs Jeanetta Pollok, of Norwich, and Jenifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Young, of Glassealy, Republic of Ireland.

Mr T. Reid
and Miss L.J. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Roy Reid, of Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Anderson, of the Wirral, Cheshire.

Mr M.T.J. Rowland
and Miss K.E. Hobbs
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Rowland, of Worcester Park, and Katrina, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.H. Hobbs, of Beaulieu, Hampshire.

Mr S. Sayers
and Miss J. Hamid
The engagement is announced between Shane, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.R. Sayers, of Long Island, New York, and Janet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Hamid, of New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Mr N.J. Shinner
and Miss S.S. Hudson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Shinner, of Nutfield, Surrey, and Samantha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hudson, formerly of Reigate, now of London, SW3.

Mr J.A. Summers
and Miss A.M. Hernon
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Summers, of Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, and Madeline, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.J. Hernon, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr P.W. Tillott
and Miss K.P. Goudge
The engagement is announced between Paul William, only son of Mr and Mrs A.T. Tillott, of Midhurst, West Sussex, and Katharine Phyllida, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Goudge, of Dormansland, Surrey.

Mr A.E.J. Waddilove
and Miss A.C. Dean
The engagement is announced between Jake, only son of the late Judge Douglas Waddilove and of Mrs Douglas Waddilove, of Snailwell, Suffolk, and Annie Charlotte, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Tom Dean, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Mr D.M.G. Watson
and Miss M.O. Rundall
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr D.A. Watson and Dr Barbara Watson, of Winchester, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.L.M. Rundall, of Stutton, Suffolk.

Mr I.N. Whitehead
and Miss L. Wolf
The engagement is announced between Ian, youngest son of Dr and Mrs D.S. Whitehead, of Inwoods, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Leah, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Wolf, of San Paulo, Brazil.

Science report

Wet welcome for wildfowl

By Gareth Huw Davies

When conservationists lament the loss of habitat, they are often talking of land which was artificially created in a simpler agricultural age.

In an experiment on grazing land on the Kent coast, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has recreated something of the primitive aspect of wetness the land's medieval creators would have recognized.

Its work in manipulating the level of flood water on its nature reserve at Elmley, on the Isle of Sheppey, has led to a dramatic increase in the numbers of breeding and wintering wildfowl on land whose hydrology had been affected by recent agricultural improvement.

In 10 years one species, wigeon, has increase 70 fold. National rarities such as avocet and pintail have been tempted back.

Agricultural changes since the Second World War, particularly conversion to arable farming, have reduced the amount of grazing marsh in north Kent from 14,750 hectares in 1935 to 7,450 hectares by 1982. The rate of loss has slowed, but continued drainage could still lead to the disappearance of all grazing marsh in north Kent within 25 years.

In 1974 the RSPB bought 1,362 hectares of land at Elmley, part of a site of special scientific interest in the north Kent marshes which stretch from Dartford on the Thames estuary to the River Swale, just north of Faversham.

The RSPB tried various ways to create more wet areas and retain winter flood water longer on its reserve to encourage its winter wildfowl and wader populations.

It first flooded part of the land by cutting off drainage channels. Floodwater remained until the following spring, with significant increases in the numbers of breeding birds, but by the summer all water had drained away.

In the next winter it enlarged the flooded area by pumping in water, with further immediate benefit to birds. The flood remained throughout the summer, with waterlogged clay making a perfect waterproof seal.

But the pump could not compensate for the loss of water in the summer due to evaporation and the ensuing dry winter. Finally the RSPB won the cooperation of the local internal drainage board which diverted waters into a natural reservoir, a channel in the reserve capable of holding 20 million gallons of water. With this guaranteed supply of water the future of the flooded area is assured.

The RSPB now has two reservoirs and with controlled flooding can create a mixture of both wet and dry grazing, with two permanently flooded areas. There has been a notable increase in both the numbers and diversity of wildfowl and wading birds on the reserve, largely as a result of the management work.

Breeding birds new to the reserve include greylag and Canada geese, gadwall and tuffted duck, wigeon, black tailed godwit, and avocet.

Sample counts of wintering birds in 1984/85, on the completion of the scheme, compared to 1974/75 included 22,000 wigeon (300 in 1974/75); 2,345 redshank (800), 180 snipe (10) and 423 shoveler (20). There are also significant increases in the numbers of curlew, snipe, and dunlin.

Source: *RSPB Conservation Review*, 1987.

Havers misses parade

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, leading the procession from the annual service at Westminster Abbey to mark the start of the legal year yesterday. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers, who would normally have headed the procession, is in hospital undergoing tests after feeling unwell recently. The swearing in of two new judges was postponed.

Sale room

Money maketh money

By Our Art Market Correspondent

A good way to make money is to sell money, judging by the results of auctions at Christie's and Sotheby's yesterday. But, as is often the case when making money, it can involve an element of gamble.

Christie's confined themselves to banknotes, taking a risk by selling a stack of currency smuggled out of Iran eight months ago by its owner, Mr Ebraham Abaie.

"There used to be a big home market when the Shah was in power", said Christie's expert, Mr Raymond Sancroft-Baker, "but it is become rather thin today."

Dating from the early 1900s, the notes would be worth about £600 if it were possible to spend them today. In the event they made £43,100 at auction, selling to two or three major buyers, who included an Iranian collector. Top prices among the 88 lots were £4,840 (including buyer's premium) for 100 Tomans dated 1913, and £4,180 for a set dated 1908.

Over at Sotheby's, the money-spinner in its general coin and medal sale was a collection of a saintly nature: 810 church communion tokens, dating from the 17th to 19th century.

Bought in bulk like the little disks used in Italian telephone boxes, they were surrendered in turn by parishioners at Mass. The collection, which had the added interest of the occasional floral pattern and even biographical details about a murdered priest, sold for £4,620 (estimate £800 to £1,200) to the coin dealers, Spink.

Christie's South Kensington continued to blend items from Nidd Hall, Yorkshire, with their specialist sales, achieving £80,151 on Wednesday afternoon for the furniture, and the surprising price of £56,000 for a 75-note pneumatic orchestrion, which had been estimated at £5,000 to £7,000. The new owner, Mr Kenneth Goldman, from America, spent a further £935 to buy the music rolls to go with it.

Sotheby's also sold a Fijian banknote bearing the image of King Kakobau, the cannibal king, who was not averse to cooking his relatives in order to enjoy what he euphemistically called "long pig". Estimated at £600 to £800, the banknote fetched £550.

Birthdays today

Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle, 83; Mr Trevor Brooking, footballer, 39; Lord Davies, 47; Lord Justice Dillon, 62; Professor Sir Robin Duthie, chairman, Scottish Development Agency, 59; Mr Peter Frankl, pianist, 52; Professor R.H. Graveson, QC, Professor of Private International Law, 76; Mr Graham Greene, OM, CH, author, 83; Mr Eric Hosking, photographer and ornithologist, 78; Lieutenant-Colonel G.W.F. Luttrell, Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, 68; Miss Jan Morris, writer, 61; Mr Vivian Ridler, former Printer to Oxford University, 74; Mr Stuart Rose, former design adviser, The Post Office, 76; the Most Rev Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, 66; Mr Justice Scott, 53; Sting, rock singer, 36; Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Tippett, 59; Lord Todd, OM, 80; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Tuttle, 81; Professor J.H. Whitfield, Professor of Italian Language and Literature, 81; Lieutenant-Colonel E.C.T. Wilson, VC, 75.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Margaret will visit Montrose Harbour at 2.30 on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Montrose Harbour Trust.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the court ladies' dinner given by the Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers at Brewers' Hall at 7.40.

The Duke of Kent will attend a concert given by the "English Concert" at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, at 7.55.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, at 11.40.

OBITUARY

SIR GEOFFREY JACKSON

Stoical guerrilla hostage

Sir Geoffrey Jackson, KCMG, British Ambassador to Uruguay, who was held prisoner by the Tupamaros guerrillas for eight months in 1971, died yesterday. He was 72.

A man of deep convictions, warmth and self-discipline, he was able to survive his confinement and emerge at the end of it with his spirits, sanity and health intact. He believed passionately in the need to uphold what he called "the paper-thin wall of law and order", and he continually reminded his captors that, although he was shut up in a cage, he was still the British ambassador.

For him, therefore, this cage, with its filthy mattress and poor ventilation, was the British embassy, and from it Jackson continued to regard himself as his country's representative.

Geoffrey Holt Seymour Jackson was born on March 4, 1915. He was educated at Bolton School and at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He entered the Foreign Service in 1937, and served as vice-consul in Beirut, Cairo, and in Baghdad; in 1946, he was acting consul-general in Basra.

He then spent time in Bogotá (1946 to 1950) and Berne (1954-6) before being appointed ambassador to Honduras in 1957, where he remained for the next three years.

Then, in 1960, he was posted to Seattle, before going, in 1965, as minister (commercial), to Toronto.

From there it was south to Uruguay — and to adventures unforeseen. On the morning of January 8, 1971, Jackson's chauffeur-driven Daimler was intercepted on the streets of Montivideo by two vehicles believed to be carrying Tupamaros left-wing urban guerrillas. The chauffeur, along with embassy staff in a following car, were all beaten unconscious. Jackson was spirited away by his captors.

He spent the next eight months and one day in captivity. The British Government refused to bargain for his release. Such snippets that emerged indicated that he was coping with "traditional British phlegm". It was to his advantage that he spoke Spanish, and was kept well supplied with reading matter.

Jackson was released on September 9 of that year. "I am feeling well", he told a priest who found him standing in front of a Capuchin church in a northern suburb of Montevideo.

Days earlier over 100 Tupamaros guerrillas had escaped from a prison in the city; Jackson's captors felt that his further incarceration served no useful purpose.

During his captivity he wrote a number of short stories about imaginary creatures, based on animals he had come across on his various postings. Among them was, notably, the left-beaked ovenbird which confused its mate by building their house the wrong way round. *The Oven-Bird and Some Others* was published in 1972.

In the following year came *People's Prison*, a detailed, often amusing, account of his capture, detention, and dealings with his gaolers. A later book, *Concorde Diplomacy — The Ambassador's Role in the World Today* (1981), is a good-humoured discussion of life in the service.

After a period of recuperation, Jackson made it clear that he was keen to get back into harness. What he received was a post in the Department of Trade and Industry's export planning and development division. He retired from the diplomatic service soon afterwards. He was awarded compensation by the Foreign Office for his ordeal.

In retirement he spent a year or two as chairman of a BBC advisory group looking at the "social effects" of television.

He married, in 1939, Patricia Delany. She survives him with their son.

DR MARGARET MANN PHILLIPS

Dr Margaret Mann Phillips, a leading scholar of Renaissance literature and history, and one of the world's authorities on Erasmus, died on September 18. She was 81.

Margaret Mann Phillips was born on January 23, 1906, a clergyman's daughter. She was educated at home, at York College for Girls, and at Somerville College, Oxford, where she took a First in French.

In 1934, she was awarded a doctorate by Paris University; her thesis was published as *Erasme et les débuts de la Réforme Française*.

Two years later she was elected fellow of Newnham College, Cambridge, where she was director of studies and lecturer in French until 1945, when she resigned to devote more time to her family.

In 1949, she published *Erasmus and the Northern Renaissance*, a work which remains the essential introduction to Erasmus and his work for English-speaking readers.

She returned to teaching in the late 1950s, and from 1964 to 1968, was Reader in French at King's College, London. After retiring she continued to teach at University College London and at the Warburg Institute. In 1979 she was awarded an Oxford DLitt.

Her work on Erasmus continued with the publication, in 1964, of *The Adages of Erasmus: a Study with Translations*.

This meticulous and illuminating study of the evolution of Erasmus's *Adagia* represents textual scholarship at its best, as do her study and translation of Erasmus's polemical dialogue *Anti-barbari*, published in 1978 in the Toronto *Collected Works of Erasmus*.

Dr Phillips also wrote on such figures as Thomas More, Marguerite de Navarre, and Montaigne, and she also published a much-admired evocation of her childhood, *Within the City Wall*.

A scholar of exceptional learning and wisdom, Margaret Mann Phillips was also a teacher of great warmth and modesty who inspired two generations of students with her love of the French and Latin literature of the Renaissance.

She married, in 1940, Charles William Phillips, archaeologist and excavator of Sutton Hoo. He died in 1985, but she had the consolation of seeing his autobiography, *My Life in Archaeology*, through the press shortly before her own death. She is survived by a son and a daughter.

PROFESSOR PETER RICHARDS

Professor Peter Richards, Professor of British Government at Southampton University from 1970 to 1984, died on September 23. He was 64.

He was part of the pioneering post-war LSE generation of political scientists, and was a founder member of the United Kingdom political studies assocation.

Educated at Worthing High School for Boys, before going on to LSE, Richards began his career at Southampton in 1947, as a lecturer. He became Reader in 1964 and then professor of British Government.

He was the author of a score of books and articles, and editor of the Allen and Unwin *New Town and County* Hall series, and of the revised editions of John P. Mackintosh's *The Government and Politics of Britain*.

His expertise on central/local government relations and finance, his pioneering interest in political patronage, and, above all, his analysis of the House of Commons, and the work of MPs were informed by a commitment to democracy and accountability.

His studies of the relations between the executive and the legislature were essays in political realism which highlighted, in his own words, the relations between "the dream and the business."

Richards was a founder member of the Study of Parliament Group (chairman, 1970-2). He was convenor of the SPG study of specialist committees in the British Parliament in the mid 1970s, and the anonymous editor of the subsequent PEP publication.

He also convened a similar SPG study of private bill procedure in the 1980s which was published anonymously in *Public Law* in 1981.

At the time of his death he was a member of the working party considering the future form of the Ford Lists of Parliamentary Papers, a vital source for legislative scholars.

He was, for many years, chief examiner with the Local Government Training Board.

In retirement, he continued to be active in the Hansard Society and the Study of Parliament Group.

He married Olive Please in 1954. They had two daughters.

Mr David Millar, jun., who died on September 30, at the age of 81, was, during the 1950s, the first "Marlboro man" — that rugged-looking cowboy astride a horse who graced the bill-board advertisements for Marlboro cigarettes.

His real job, however, was far from the range: he was an advertising executive in New York City. He also did some modelling for fashion magazines.

"He hated horses," his wife, Maria, explained. "He got all dressed up like a cowboy. This wasn't his job. He did it just for fun."

Mr Herb Miller, American bandleader, and brother of Glenn, has died at the age of 74.

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself ye do well.
James 2 : 8

BIRTHS

AMES - On October 1st, to Eleanor (née Flynn) and David, a daughter, Jennifer Isolde, a sister for Elizabeth.

BALDWIN - On September 23rd, to Tricia and David, a daughter, Elizabeth Lauren.

BOSCAWEN - On September 21st, to Alexandra (née Eden) and Hugh, a son, Veryan John Hugh.

CAMERON - On September 28th, to Julia and Johnny, a daughter, Kirsty Anne, a sister for Hamish.

EARDLEY-WILMOT - On September 23rd at Westminster Hospital, to Diana and Michael, a daughter, Poppy Clementine.

GILES - On September 30th at Pembury Hospital, Kent to Ann (née Creutzberg) and Brian, a daughter, Sophie Laura, a sister for Katherine and Emily.

GRAHAM - On September 26th 1987, to Anita (née Duffaert) and Oliver, a son, Leo.

HARDWAY - On September 26th, at Edgware Hospital at 7.56pm, to Deborah (née Evans) and Roy, the gift of a daughter, Ashleigh Simonne.

HASZLAKIEWICZ - On September 27th, 1987, in Hong Kong, to Jane (née St Clair Roberts) and Mark, a son, Ian.

HOOK - On September 28th, in Brecon Hospital, to Laura and Simon, a daughter.

HULBERT-POWELL - On September 29th, to Sara (née Bonn) and Charles a daughter Victoria

LONGDEN - On September 22nd, at Westminster Hospital to Dinah (née Fletcher) and Brandon, a daughter Stephanie Alice Rose.

MACLAREN OF MACLAREN - On September 5th, to Maida and Donald in London, a daughter, Iona Margaret.

McFARLANE-WATTS - On September 30th, at The John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Dawn and Nicholas, a daughter, Virginia Sylvia, a sister for Georgina, Caroline, Stephanie and Alexander.

MORALEE - On 29th September 1987, to Shirley (née Law) and Trevor, a daughter Kelly Ann.

OBIEL-MARK - On September 19th to Sue and Colin, a son, James Alexander.

RUDMAN - On October 1st, to Felicity (née Kendal) and Michael, a son Jacob Henry.

SEBCOMBE - On September 28th, to Caroline (née Abbott) and Nicholas, a daughter, Emma Caroline.

SIMMONS - On September 24th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Jacquie Rawes and Richard Simmons, a son Thomas Mortimer.

STRONG - On September 30th 1987, at The Princess Alexander Hospital, Harlow, to Martin and Sonia (née Jeffrey), a daughter, Barbara Grace Amalija.

TULLO - On September 28th, at St. Georges Hospital Tooting to Nichola (née Bellamy) and Peter twin daughters.

YOUNG - On 29th September, to Ruth and Charles, a daughter, Charlotte Grace.

BIRTHDAYS

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BUCKLER:GRAY - On October 2nd 1937 at Christ Church, Crouch End, Ernest to Cynthia, now at 'Tara', Fairmeadow, Rye.

LUSHINGTON : HUNTER - On October 2nd 1937 at St Mary's Church, Walgrave, Henry to Pamela.

DEATHS

ALINGTON - On September 29th, Charles, much loved husband of Kate, father of Nigel, Felicity and Virginia and stepfather of Christopher and Loveday. Funeral at St.Denys', Little Barford, Nr St. Neots at 3.00 pm on Monday, October 5th. Lots of flowers please, at his own request.

ARMITAGE-NORTON - On September 30th 1987, aged 109, sadly missed. Memorial service October 16th 1987. Family only.

BERWICK SPINKS - On September 24th, at Guildford, Elsie, aged 88, WRNAS Isle of Grain, 1918-1919, much loved mother of Rosemary and Leila Margaret.

BOND - On September 28th 1987, suddenly aged 84 years, George Douglas devoted husband, father and grandfather, sadly missed by his family, Chris, Elizabeth, Frances and babies Ben and Sam. Long time associate of Courtaulds and British Cellophane. Funeral will take place at Saint Martin's Church, Dorking on Tuesday October 6th at 2 pm. Flowers please to Sherlock & Son, Trellis House Dorking.

BRENDISH - On September 25th 1987, tragically as the result of an aircraft accident, Nigel Alan of Groton, Suffolk. Much loved father of Charlotte Amelia. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium West Chapel, on Wednesday October 7th, at 2pm. No flowers please but if desired donations for Muscular Dystrophy maybe sent to Singleton & Hastings, Berners St. Ipswich.

BUCKLAND - On September 28th, peacefully at home, Marion Enid, of Swinbrook, Oxon. Memorial Service to take place at St. Mary's Church, Swinbrook, near Burford, Oxon on Saturday October 10th at 11.30 am.

BUXTON - On September 29th, at Hoveton Hall, Norfolk, Desmond Gurney, in his 90th year. Much loved by his wife Rachel and their children and grandchildren. Funeral service St Michael's Church, Barton Turf, Monday October 5th at 2.30 pm. No mourning. Family flowers only, donations if wished for either Friends of Norwich Cathedral or Hoveton St Peter Church may be sent c/o F.A. Corman & Son, Funeral Directors, Chapel Lane, Coltishall, Norwich NR12 7DR.

CHILDS - On September 26th, 1987, peacefully after a short illness, Rose Matilda, aged 93 years, formerly of London and Birmingham. Funeral Service at West London Crematorium on Monday October 5th at 3.15pm. No flowers please but donations if desired may be sent to King Edward VII Hospital.

COLLYNS - On 30th September 1987, peacefully at Wren House, Warminster, after long infirmity, courageously borne, Rachel Caroline aged 88 years. Widow of Dr. Percy Collyns, formerly of Dulverton and Bristol. Dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at the Minster Church, Warminster at 12 noon, Tuesday 6th October, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to British Red Cross Society.

CREIGHTON - On September 29th, suddenly at home, Hele, Brompton Ralph, Tom. Cremation at Taunton, Wednesday October 7th at 12.30 pm. Donations, if wished, to Compassion in World Farming.

de SEGUNDO - On September 30th 1987, Alruna widow of Bertram. Funeral at Saint Peter's Wenhaston, Thursday 8th October 12 noon. No flowers. Donations if desired to Wenhaston Church Restoration Fund care of CE Woolnough funeral Director, 42a Kings Arms Yard, Halesworth Suffolk.

DRIVER - On October 1st, in London, C. Gordon Driver, dearly loved husband of Barbara, and father of Kevin, Hugh, Ian, and Babette. Family service at Cheltenham Crematorium. Donations to Bacup (British Association of Cancer United Patients), 121 Charterhouse Street, EC1. Thanksgiving service to be announced.

GARTNER - On September 28th, 1987, after a long illness, Mrs Alice J Gartner, aged 82 of Purley, Surrey. Funeral at St John The Baptist, 48 Dale Road, Purley on Thursday October 8th at 11.00 am.

HALEY - On September 29th, peacefully in hospital, Sheila Malcolm (née Hardwicke) dearly loved wife of the late Clarence Haley and dear mother of Jennifer and mother-in-law of John. Funeral Service at Saint Bartholomews Church, Wiggiston near Thing on Tuesday October 6th at 2.00 pm. Please no flowers, donations if desired to Saint Andrews Hospital, Billing Road, Northampton.

HALL - On September 23rd 1987, in Turkey, following a diving accident, in the Aegean, Oliver Howard Gaston Hall aged 25, lovely son of Gaston and Gillian and brother of Cordelia and Emily. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Kenilworth on Saturday, October 3rd at 11.30 am. Please, no flowers but, if wished, donations to The Woodland Trust, Autumn Park, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6LL.

HELSBY - On September 29th, at the Harley Street Clinic, Charles Raymond, dearly loved husband of Joyce and very special father of Judy, Jeremy, and Nick, and Gaga of Nicko, Anna and Jack. Family cremation service. Thanksgiving service to be held at Swimbridge Parish Church, near Barnstaple on Friday October 16th at 12noon.

HOGARTH - SCOTT - On 30th September, aged 48, Robert Stirling of Portbury Priory, Portbury, Bristol and formerly of Melbourne Australia, beloved husband of Janet, father of Piers and Jolyon and much loved brother of Janet, Sandra and Michael. Funeral on Monday October 5th, at 3.30 pm at All Saints, Wraxall, Bristol.

JACKSON - On October 1st, 1987, at home, Sir Geoffrey Holt Seymour Jackson K.C.M.G.. Cremation private and at his request no memorial service. No flowers; donations if desired to Westminster Cancer Research or McMillan Nurses.

JOHNSTON - On September 29th 1987, peacefully, at Ravenscroft Park Nursing Home, Barnet, Betty of Russell Court, WC1, formally of Leeds. Widow of John. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, NW11 on Monday October 5th at 1.45pm. Enquiries to J A Clark & Son Ltd. Tel: 01 449 3578.

LLOYD - On September 26th, peacefully in a Buckinghamshire Nursing Home after a long illness, Harry Arthur Powell Lloyd, husband of the late Edith Coates. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Cremation at Amersham Crematorium, Buckinghamshire at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 7th October. Flowers to F.J. Wilson, Greenway, Haddenham, Buckinghamshire. Interment at Findon Parish Church, Sussex at 12 noon on Wednesday, 14th October. Flowers to H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing Sussex.

STUDER - On September 29th 1987, at home after a long illness bravely borne, Gloria, only daughter of the late Col. and Mrs. E.J. Vella of Sliema, Malta. Adored wife of Ronnie, dearly loved mother of Keith and Mark, beloved mother-in-law of Jane, "dear Danny" of Nicholas and Katie. Funeral service at St Joseph's Church, Goole, 2pm, Monday 5th October.

SURRIDGE - On September 30th 1987, Enid, beloved wife of the late North, devoted mother of Noel and Nora, and much loved grandmother of Samantha, Julie and Tim.

THOMPSON - On September 29th 1987, in hospital, The Reverend Canon Ronald Cooper aged 84, brother of Betty and Humphrey. Funeral at St Augustin's Church, Newark, on October 6th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Newark Parish Church, C/O G E Rose Ltd, Beacon Hill Road, Newark.

TURTON - On September 29th 1987, Arthur Michael, suddenly but peacefully at his home in Pennington, Lymington. Formally of Manchester and Godalming. Very dear twin brother of Margaret also of Lymington. Funeral arrangements to be published shortly.

VASSALLO On September 28th 1987, suddenly and tragically Lucy Elizabeth Clementine, aged 3½ months, beloved darling daughter of Simon and Alix.

WAKELY - On October 1st 1987, Edwin A.L. (Jimmy), Gp. Capt. RAF (retd), OBE, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, Aide de Camp to The Queen 1966-1969. Funeral service at St Mary Magdalen Church, Loders, Bridport on Tuesday October 6th at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations please to RAF Benevolent Fund, C/O A J Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

WILLIAMS - On September 30th, peacefully at home, John Alexander Ross (Jack) aged 76 years beloved husband of Mary and father of Michael, father-in-law of Glenys and grandfather of Laura and Marina. Funeral service on Monday 5th October at All Saints Church Writtle at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations if desired to the Scanner Appeal Fund, St Margaret's Hospital Epping Essex. Care of SA Ketley & Sons, Saint John's Road, Writtle Essex.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EDWARDS - A Memorial Service for Judge John Edwards will be held at The Temple Church on Thursday October 22nd at 5.00pm. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place W1 or Barrister's Benevolent Association 3 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn WC1.

LLOYD - The Memorial Service for J Emrys Lloyd, O.B.E., will be held at St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London WC2, on Tuesday 6th October at 12.00 noon.

ROBERTSON - a memorial service for Captain Ian Greig Robertson DSO, DSC and BAR, RN, will be held in Clunie Church, Forneth, Blairgowrie on Friday, October 30th at 4.30 pm. Donations in his memory to King George V Fund For Sailors, Sv Carrick, Clyde Street, Glasgow G1.

VAN DAMM - The Memorial Service for Sheila Van Damm will take place at The West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, London, W1 on Tuesday 20th October at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BARTER - Jane Margaret (née Perry-Warnes) loved and remembered every day and especially today her birthday. Susan.

OLDS - Philip Michael jnr. died October 1st 1986. Sadly missed, thought about often, love Mum Jennifer and Christopher.

STRAUSS - Julius. One sad year since we layed you to rest but our gratitude and love are stronger than ever. Irene and Jimmy.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard III, reigned 1483-85, Fotheringhay Castle, Northamptonshire, 1452; Sir Edward Tylor, anthropologist, London, 1832; Paul von Hindenburg, field-marshal, 2nd president of the Weimar Republic 1925-34, Posen, Germany, 1847; Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, Tarbes, 1851; Sir William Ramsay, chemist, Glasgow, 1852; Mahatma Gandhi, Porbandar, Gujarat, India, 1869; Wallace Stevens, poet, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1879; Groucho Marx, New York, 1895; Roy Campbell, poet, Durban, 1901.

DEATHS: Samuel Adams, politician of the American Revolution, Boston, 1803; José Maria Heredia, poet, Houdan, France, 1905; Svante Arrhenius, chemist, Nobel laureate 1903, Stockholm, 1927; Marcel Duchamp, painter, Neuilly, France, 1968; Katharine Susannah Prichard, novelist, Greenemount, Western Australia, 1969.

Rome was declared the capital of Italy, 1870. Italy invaded Abyssinia (Ethiopia), 1935.

Latest wills

Mr John Thorne, of Lilstock, Kilve, Somerset, National Hunt trainer, left estate valued at £213,141 net.

Mrs Frances Violet Dorothea Warren, of Finchampstead, Berkshire - Bob Warren, a founder member and deputy commander of the Women's Army Corps, India - left estate valued at £77,888 net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANDREW JAQUES of Aldeburgh, England and Shioya Japan is flying to Shioya for October 4th to pay his respects to Abesan (decsd), departed and lost friend, and the revered emperor. That my soul may be equal to their spiritual home.

E.H. A whole year together the first of many I'm sure, love & kisses Pussycat.

CHU - Mr and Mrs S H celebrate their golden wedding anniversary today. Many congratulations from all the children and grandchildren both here and in Hong Kong.

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Dated this 28th day of September 1987
B. MILLS
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF LONDON PARTNERS ADVERTISING CREATIVE
BY ORDER of the High Court dated the 27th day of October 1987 Mr Brian Mills of Booth White & Co., 1 Wardrobe Place, Carter Lane, St. Pauls, London, EC4V 5AJ has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company with a Committee of Inspection.
Dated this 28th day of September 1987
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NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS pursuant to section 98 Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number 386338
Name of Company: TPL Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 1 Whites Row, London, E1 7NF on Thursday the *eighth day of October* 1987, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee.
Roger Smith of 1 Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, London, EC4V 3PD is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require:
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on the two business days falling next before the day on which the Meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 1 Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, London, EC4V 3PD being a place in the relevant locality.
Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, Secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their security), lodge at the Registered Office of the Company at 165 Queen Victoria Street, Blackfriars, London, EC4V 4DD before the Meeting a Statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it is assessed.
Dated this 16th day of September 1987
By Order of the Board of Directors
N. CALLAWAY
Director
Witnessed by P HICKMAN FCCA
of Messrs Peat Marwick McLintock
1 Puddle Dock, Blackfriars
London EC4V 3PD.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS pursuant to section 98 Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number 1170407
Name of Company: TGL Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 1 Whites Row, London, E1 7NF on Thursday the eighth day of October 1987, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee.
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Witnessed by P HICKMAN FCCA
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LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Tileman (Overseas) Limited
(registered number 633661)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 29 September 1987 Hambros Bank Limited appointed Colin Graham Bird and Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips of No 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL as joint receivers and managers.
Dated the 29th day of September 1987
Colin Graham Bird
Joint receiver and manager (FCA)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Matlee Industries Limited
(registered number 489476)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 29 September 1987 Hambros Bank Limited appointed Colin Graham Bird and Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips of No 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL as joint receivers and managers.
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Tileman Estates Limited
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Colin Graham Bird
Joint receiver and manager (FCA)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Hembreck Limited
(registered number 1623789)
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Tileman & Company Limited
(registered number 139949)
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Colin Graham Bird
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No. 9308 of 1986
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IN THE MATTER OF T & R Film Setters Ltd
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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
I, Nigel J. Halls, Chartered Accountant of Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Lennox House, Spa Road, Gloucester GL1 1XD have been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company without a Committee of Inspection.
Dated this 28 September 1987

RE: MAXTONE BUILDERS LIMITED BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 15TH DECEMBER 1986, NEVILLE ECKLEY F.C.A. OF 332 BRIGHTON ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON, HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY WITHOUT A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.
DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1987.

RE: NATIONAL JAZZ CENTRE LIMITED, BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT DATED THE 21ST JANUARY 1987, NEVILLE ECKLEY F.C.A. OF 332 BRIGHTON ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON, HAS BEEN APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COMPANY WITH A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.
DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1987.

JESSHOPS BAKERS & CONFECTIONERS LIMITED
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
I, George Albert Auger, Certified Accountant of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, give notice that I was appointed Liquidator in the above matter on 31 July 1986 together with a Committee of Inspection. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
G A AUGER
LIQUIDATOR

The Companies Act, 1985
IN THE MATTER OF ARM MUSIC AND PUBLISHING OVERSEAS LIMITED by Order of the High Court of Justice dated 3 day of July 1987.
I, Raymond Hocking of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DH, have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me.
Dated this 18 day of September 1987
R HOCKING
LIQUIDATOR

HUNT & ASSOCIATES LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER 1482663
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 15 October 1987 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has sent to the Joint Administrative Receivers not later than 12 noon on 14 October 1987 details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
Dated this 28 day of September 1987
G A Auger
Joint Administrative Receiver

CHARITY - REFRESH
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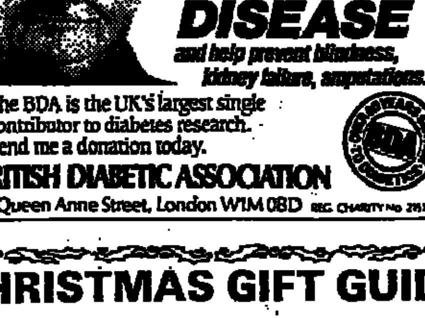
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THE ARTS

Worlds apart

TELEVISION

"Hyper-reality" is better than reality for people in shopping malls, explained one of the exegists of modern American culture cut into the super-slick framing of *Equinox's* disturbingly hilarious documentary *Malltime* (C4) to voice some civilizing sanity amid the cocooned, disinfected bedlam of these manufactured environments. In *This Week's The Battle for the Bottom* (ITV), about the new thrust of *The Star* in the topless war of the tabloids, there was also a suggestion from some former journalists on the paper at least that reality is not always good enough for the new editorial regime.

Admittedly, the fragrancy of truth does not always perfume every pore of *The Star's* rivals or superiors. Also, the creakiness of the lead story about the three-in-a bed pop group seemed as much to do with the publicity-seeking singers as convenient gullibility by the paper; and even if the accusations of the ex-agony auntie (denied by the editor Mike Gabbert) that she was asked to conjure up titillating readers' letters, he would not be the first newspaperman to give reality a nudge-nudge in a required direction.

But what was remarkable about both programmes was that reality needed so little nudging to be more "hyper" than fanciful myths about "sexploitation" journalism or the mad, mad world of modern American materialism. Gabbert, looked too good to be true as he oozed clichéd denials of smut *and* "get 'em off enthusiasms," a clammy quorum of hairs worming around his bald pate.

George Haggerty brilliantly and appropriately stylized *Malltime* with an advertising chic aesthetic, but his composed images were repeatedly upstaged by his characters: Credit-card junkies, mall rats, zombies, video nymphs and frustrated housewives.

Andrew Hislop

The Met starts its new season to a background of disturbing rumours, reports **James R. Oestreich**

Echoes of discord

OPERA

Otello/Ariadne auf Naxos
The Met, New York

It seems like just yesterday -- it was last year -- that we were hailing the ultimate ascendance of James Levine at the Metropolitan Opera, to the newly created post of artistic director. Now, as rumours persist that Levine's personal life does not always measure up to the proprieties demanded by such a prominent and prestigious charge, we find that Bruce Crawford, in his second year as the company's general manager, not only holds administrative sway, but will take an increasing hand in artistic decisions.

Even *The New York Times* has seen fit to tie a discussion of the changing "managerial balance" to "conflicting rumours about (Levine's) private life and an imminent resignation". In responding, Levine summons the head of Columbia Artists Management as character witness: "Ron Wilford says it's because people can't believe the real story that I'm too good to be true." But Crawford has already cancelled plans for a costly blockbuster staging of *Aida* by Franco Zeffirelli scheduled to be unveiled next year and to open the 1989 season.

Nonetheless the opening of this season found Levine at his accustomed post in the pit leading a revival of Zeffirelli's production of *Otello* from 1972. With his relish for vigour and vehemence, Levine has always had good success with the work, and the first night proved no exception. If anything his ability to sustain dramatic suspense and musical line has grown through the years as has his command of this chorus and orchestra. All of which made for a sturdy musical framework.

Placido Domingo, equally familiar as a season opener (this eighth time at the Met leaves him, with Giovanni Martinelli, second only to Caruso, at seventeen) and equally sturdy musically took the title role. Domingo's Otello is of course, a familiar commodity, particularly of late, and to say that he was in fine vocal form pretty well covers the ground. Through sheerly musical means, he built a convincing, often gripping portrayal; he has never been a great dramatic actor, though he was almost made to seem one by this evening's surroundings. Kiri Te Kanawa, as Desdemona, did much to efface the distasteful impression she made last year in the new *Fledermaus*, where, at least at the first performance, she sang poorly and seemed an altogether unwilling participant (understandable though that may have been to Otto Schenk's production); here, she produced a lovely if often frail, tone and showed some attempt at dramatic involvement yet still conveyed a distracted, almost vacant air.

The first of many early-season substitutions at the Met, Silvano Carroli filled in for Renato Bruson as Iago. Vocally, what main force could accomplish, he achieved. But alas, even the admirable solidity of his full tone, unleavened by subtlety, colour, or variety, palled with time.

And his hectoring sound meshed only too well with a loutish stage manner that undercut his impressive stature. Nor did Fabrizio Melano's stage direction help, with all the business involving the handkerchief almost comically overdrawn; this, of all props, surely no one could fail to notice. Well, opening nights at this house are more for glitter than for dramatic substance anyway, and one could at least content oneself with the solid musical substance Levine and Domingo provided.

Kiri Te Kanawa, as Desdemona, and Placido Domingo, as Otello, in Act 11

The season really sprang to full, vibrant life on the third evening with a revival of the Bodo Igesz production of *Ariadne auf Naxos*. Nothing spectacular, mind you, just that rarest of commodities in New York these days: A good, old-fashioned night at the opera, with a couple of stellar performances and a couple less than stellar, but nowhere cause for embarrassment.

And the brightest stars, were all Americans. With Jessye Norman's stately Prima Donna and Kathleen Battle's winsome Zerbinetta, only a churl could find fault (a slight unevenness in pianissimo singing around the break from the former, perhaps; an altitudinous note or two not quite tamed by the latter). Individual performances of the highest order, these were all the more impressive in the way they played off each other: Norman, a veritable force of nature; Battle, an irresistible *objet d'artifice*. Seldom can these roles have been better served in combination. And Tatiana Troyanos fitted into the mix well as the Composer.

The Canadian tenor Paul Frey, in his Met debut, sang accurately and powerfully as Bacchus, though his tone proved slightly cloudy and he lacked an easy ring. Hermann Prey, despite an occasional near-bellow, played a serviceable Music Master.

James Levine conducted, attired in blue polo shirt and purple towel for the Prologue, formal garb for the Opera. Ensemble and tuning were not perfect, but the playing was mostly wonderful, with a lovely sheen to the strings and a nice solidity to the woodwinds. The Prologue, whose beginning stole in upon the audience, came together gradually but inexorably; by its end, the proceedings had gatheed such momentum and developed such a convincing dramatic flow that -- while one knew full well that one's *Sitzfleisch* would grow weak in the later stages -- the interval came as a distinctly unwelcome intrusion. Still, it took no time at all for Norman's Ariadne to pick up the thread and draw one right back in.

Now *this* is the sort of thing that can make one greet a new season with hearty enthusiasm. A joy.

Close encounter: James Green (Roland) with Hazel Douglas

Posing problem

THEATRE

The Prospero Suite
Cheltenham

A Frank Matcham house, resplendently restored and enlarged three years ago, the Everyman is a nice place to spend an evening, though not at the price of sitting through this preposterous piece by Warner Brown.

Set in a stonely geometric interior (by Chris Crosswell) suggesting an Eric Gill chapel of repose rather than a Manhattan hotel suite, it concerns the professional come-back of a middle-aged Prospero considered by some -- including himself -- to be the world's greatest film director. Fifteen years ago, in this same room, poor Roland had one of his masterpieces rudely mauled by a lady critic; where upon he vanished into retirement. But now he has regained bankable fame with a new picture -- thanks to the encouragement of his erstwhile enemy who has cast her own next role as his bed partner and screen writer.

Powerful as American critics may be, it would be hard to outdo those events for stupifying implausibility. It is sometime before they are unveiled to the spectator, as Mr Brown has organised his first act as an awed conversation piece between Roland's little court circle, while the hero himself walks among them in a ghostly follow-spot, saying how much he would like to be there. Is he dead? No. He is in a transatlantic plane, arriving one day late simply to screw us up into a state of suspense.

Until he arrives, conversation centres on the past, describing people we never meet, the respective merits of non-existent films, and Roland's God-like qualities: Which the man himself modestly shrugs off as too much to live up to. For a moment, the play engages with something real; in the idea of a man of talent who is compelled by his profession to adopt an unnatural pose. But as Roland's talent has to be taken entirely on trust, the idea swiftly expires leaving behind nothing but a poseur.

In John Doyle's production he is played by James Greene, whose manner and appearance suggest an unctuously commiserating vicar. And the tone of the whole show is sluggish and disspirited for a piece oozing with malice.

Irving Wardle

Through memory by roller skate

The Rink
Forum, Wythenshawe

In this 1984 Kander and Ebb musical the central roles are a bitching mother and her daughter, played on Broadway by Chita Rivera and Liza Minnelli. There was a father but he mooched off in a James Deany sort of way after the Korean war, and Angel, the daughter, landed a flower-power mate but he faded with the Sixties.

The show is set in 1978 with Angel returning to the roller skating rink built by her Italian grandpa and now about to be sold by Anna, her ma, for hard cash and a trip to Rome. But the seedy rink, of course, is the site of all Angel's memories, and thereafter the show goes floating into the past and back, recalling glittering days gone by against the foreground of fractious scenes between pleasure-hunting mother and father-missing child.

Such elements as the harsh talk and the mugging of Anna by three decoratively ragged scumbags are unusual in a musical; and Angel and Anna share the fastest-acting joint on record as they begin, in the Broadway custom, to find they are not so different after all. Josephine Blake gives Anna attack and the feet astride, arms up, me against-the-word pugnacity the role requires but the character remains far from sympathetic. Diane Langton's stocky little Angel has an appealingly troubled air and, when circumstances allow, a perky toughness.

What gives the show real enchantment is the group of six demolition workers who double as all the men in the ice-rink's past, and the women too, moustaches and muscles not-withstanding. Their show-stopping pastiche of a *Hello Dolly !* number, and the effervescent skating dance zipping round the hazards of the stage -- both joyously choreographed by Paul Kerryson -- would be welcome at twice the length.

Jeremy Kingston

Larry the glam

ROCK

Cameo
Wembley Arena

In a supremely tacky entrance that must have had Screamin' Jay Hawkins turning in his grave, so to speak, Larry Blackmon emerged from a huge upright silver coffin. Fully tooled up in rippling black tights, slinky rubber jerkin and *that* codpiece, he launched into "Alligator Woman", a song with the typically plaintive refrain "Your big behind/It makes me blind".

Unfortunately his efforts and those of the 11 other musicians on stage, were all but lost in a mire of unbalanced sound and intrusive feedback noise, which was tidied up as the show went on but was never satisfactorily adjusted overall.

Such a daft, neo-heavy metal staging ploy was indicative of Blackmon's long-established strategy of covering as many bases as possible in his mission to entertain the ranks of Cameo converts, which have swollen dramatically since last year's engaging three-chord wonder, "Word Up". This brisk brief performance incorporated elements of funk, rap, go go, hip hop, soul and "black rock 'n'roll" all bundled together in a roller-coaster succession of rapid segues and perpetual dancing manouevres.

Inevitably, such a varied approach had its ups and downs. Blackmon, who started out as the drummer with the group in his native Atlanta took over Bruce Carter's kit while the guitarist Charlie Singleton sang a horrible heavy rock dirge called "Secrets Of Time".

But the bad bits never lasted long, as the action proceeded in the fast moving traditions of a modern revue show, though without the spit and polish of a Prince or James Brown gig.

David Sinclair

Pining for Klaus

CONCERT

LPO/Vonk
Festival Hall

Klaus Tennstedt's sad departure, as their music director and as conductor of their opening concerts this season, has obviously and with good reason left the London Philharmonic feeling out of sorts: It was understandable that their performance of Bruckner's Seventh Symphony should have been a disappointment, but perhaps worrying that it should have been a disappointment on this level.

The violins sounded sorely stretched above the stave; the flutes were breathy and the woodwind tone as a whole weak; the brass, unfocused and unchecked, was much more often coarse than exultant.

But still more damaging than the crudity of sound was the slackness of ensemble and, partly as a consequence of this, the broken-backed form. Right from the start, where the monumental character of the cello theme was severely compromised by the irretrievably out-of-step contributions from horn and clarinet, the textural meld worked against any Brucknerian momentum. Nor did it help that Hans Vonk, the replacement conductor, ended almost every short section with a ritardando and so with a sense of completion.

Occasionally, still worse, the upbeat of a new section would be misinterpreted as a down beat to the music just ending and so continuity would be further set at risk.

Rosalind Plowright, singing in the Prelude and Liebestod from *Tristan*, also failed to cover herself with glory, perhaps under-stimulated by an orchestra unprepared for beauty of sound, length of line or tactfulness of volume.

She provided momentary openings of radiance on the longest notes, but otherwise she appeared too concerned to dip her chin and control a threatening harshness. This was not Isolde breathing the music from within her, but rather someone being dragged along somewhat unwillingly in its displeasingly raucous wake.

Paul Griffiths

A duet for two sword fighters

BALLET

Royal Thai Dancers
Sadler's Wells

Much the most popular number in the programme by the Royal Thai dancers and musicians at Sadler's Wells this week and next is *Sword Fighting*. The two men start off with swords, one in each hand, and very lethal looking they are, too: Metal blades with a slight curve to them, long handles as a counter-weight, and gripped only just above the blade so that they can be rotated like a drum majorette's baton, or casually sliced through the air, narrowly missing the opponent's head.

After some ritual confrontations and stylized threats, they set to with these implements in a well arranged routine which almost looks real. Then one sword after another is knocked out of an opponent's grasp, and one of the men decides to equip himself instead with a long staff. A little later the other changes weapons and takes up a pair of wooden implements which are worn along the forearm and used somewhat like clubs.

In spite of this array of weapony, the injuries which they pretend to suffer are mainly administered by kicks to various uncomfortable parts of the anatomy. From the threatening start the item turns into a comic number as the pair of them mime growing discomfort and exhaustion, leading to a finish where the winner sinks down almost simultaneously with the loser, and in just as much agony.

The rest of the programme relies on quaintness for its appeal: Extremely simple dance routines based on traditional forms but made "up to date and more attractive". I wonder. Elaborate costumes with pagoda head-dresses are the chief attraction. To open with episodes from a long dance drama is probably a mistake; the acting is perfunctory, lacking the vividness of equivalent Indian theatre, and the action incomprehensible without long programme notes.

John Percival

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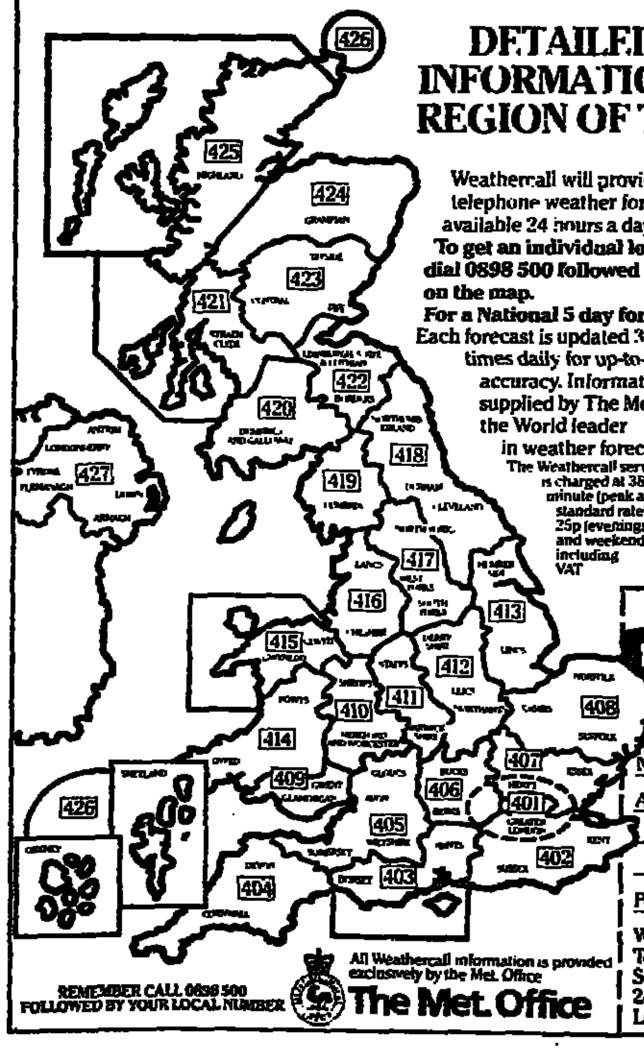

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Just ripping yarns?

Who was Jack the Ripper? And who really cares? Catherine Bennett asks why the story is still being retold

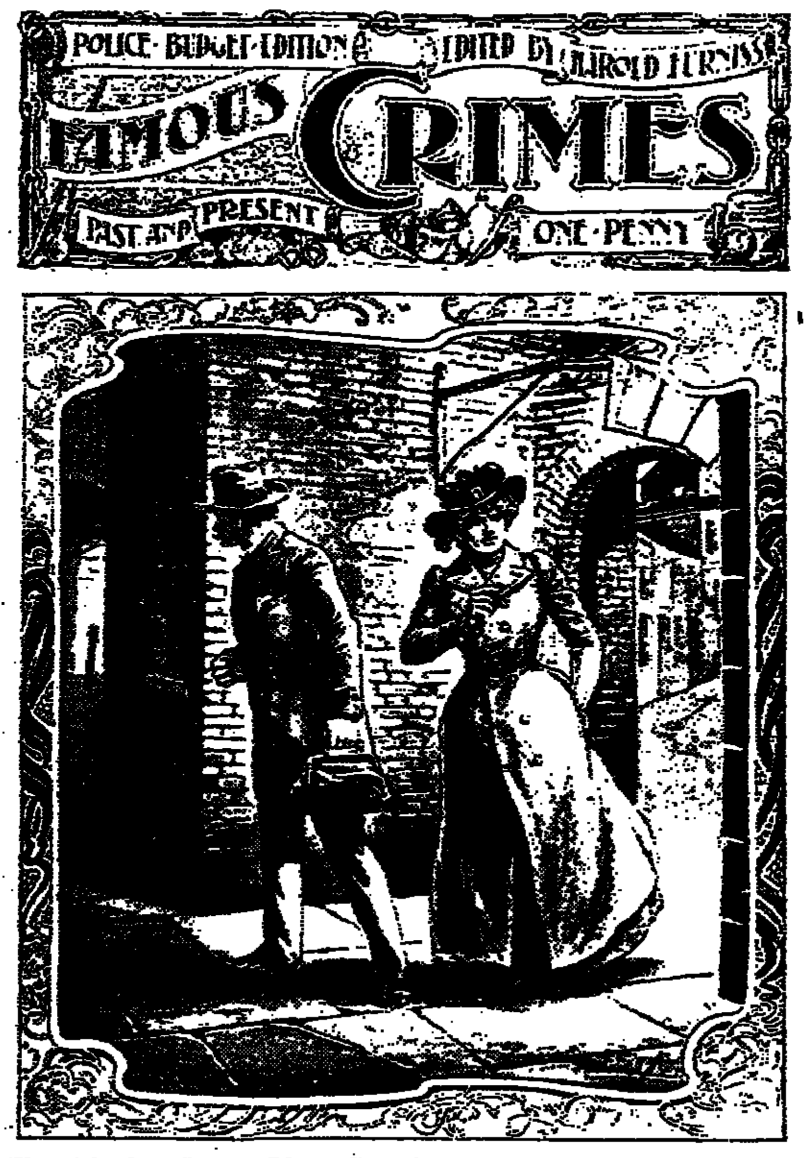

Illustration from *Jack the Ripper: Summing Up and Verdict*, by Colin Wilson

They have no way of knowing it, but Mary, Annie, Elizabeth, Catherine and Mary Jane are all in the news again. Next year marks the centenary of their slaughter in Whitechapel by Jack the Ripper, and already there are five new books about the murders, claiming to identify the killer, who was never found. Four different names are suggested; the fifth author, Terence Sharkey, prefers to invite the reader's "active participation" in choosing the killer from what he calls the "chocolate box" of potential culprits.

The Royal family may be relieved to learn that the Duke of Clarence, first charged by an author in 1976, has now been cleared. But his absence leaves a bewildering crowd of substitutes. Should the reader go for Druitt, the ostensibly harmless solicitor favoured by Martin Howells and Keith Skinner in *The Ripper Legacy*? Could it be Melvin Harris's Dr Roslyn D'Onston ("In person – unmemorable. As a master of terror – unforgettable")? Should we be tempted by Nathan Kaminsky, the Jewish tailor arraigned by Martin Fido? Probably we shouldn't, for in a postscript Fido changes his mind, and names David Cohen ("just the right age to be a serial murderer").

In fact it does not matter much which book you choose, for Ripperologists, as they describe themselves, are as uniform in making deductions from no evidence whatever as they are in their loyalty to the tested three-part formula for Ripper books, which has proved commercially successful during the past 100 years.

The second and third parts – the demolition of rival theories and the presentation of a new culprit – allow for some deviation; but the first section should always include these vital aspects: the low life of Victorian Whitechapel and, most important, a description of the murders. These could be summarized as throat-cutting, followed in four cases by disembowelling. But Ripperologists do not like to summarize. Fido, for example, in *The Crimes, Detection & Death of Jack the Ripper*, thinks it essential to quote the coroners' reports. Sharkey prefers to lend a light, human touch to his accounts of the five women, all of them prostitutes. Mary Jane Kelly, he observes, "was short, about 5ft 3in, and attractively rounded, if a little plump". He presumably reached this conclusion after close study of the mortuary photographs, for Mary Jane was so comprehensively dismembered that it took six hours to put her back together again.

For the most part, the authors dwell more on the deaths than the lives of the five women, possibly because they seem to share Jack the Ripper's distaste for prostitutes. Howells and Skinner have them as as "gap-toothed hags in their mid-forties". Fido tries to avoid the word prostitute altogether, and inclines variously to "whores", "tarts", and "strumpets". Although the Ripper's motives afford the Ripperologist pages of lubricious conjecture, it is not done to speculate on the suffering of the five strumpets.

Oddly enough, remarks Melvin Harris, a Ripper expert since the age of 12, "I've never been horrified by the Ripper." And, oddly enough, he insists that he is *not* a Ripperologist: "The others are fascinated by the crime, I'm fascinated by the skullduggery." He is working on a new book, *The Ripperphile's Ripperfile*. Skinner also protests that the murders are the least important part of his Ripper investigations. His fascination began when he was six; at 15, he was examining the murder sites in Whitechapel. "My approach was names, dates, and places." His co-author, Howells, regards the five deaths as "the tip of that particularly nasty iceberg . . . the children in syphilitic wards, and gin drinking . . . that was the *real* horror in Whitechapel."

Howells and Skinner form a cheerful new branch of what they call "the Ripper fraternity". In their introduction, they confess that their researches were "a curiously antiseptic and painless experience", and are at pains to account for the appeal of the case, for, as everyone knows, "he killed only five women".

No, the attraction lies in the puzzle, the search for truth, the portrait of Victorian society. "It's a way of catching the past," says Sharkey, whose interest in "vintage murder" goes back to his sixth year, when he surprised his parents with a working scale-model of an execution, complete with tolling bell and hangman. Sharkey says he was genuinely moved by the sad lives of the women whom his book describes as "pathetic drabs". He is shortly to embark on a "theme cruise" on the QE2, lecturing Americans on "Murder to Go".

The still more enlightened purpose of the Ripper fraternity is the serious study of the serial sex murderer. "Sex murder didn't exist before Jack the Ripper," announces Colin Wilson, whose *Jack the Ripper: Summing Up and Verdict*, is weighty with theories about the hierarchy of needs, and evidence of other perverted killings. "It's not just an exercise in morbidity," he says. "It's the criminological profile and what you can learn about the history of sex crimes."

Jack the Ripper has never featured among the murderers that Tony Black, until last year the head of the psychology department at Broadmoor Prison, studies to establish patterns of behaviour. He finds it hard to believe that there were no such murders before 1888, but he does feel that the Ripper story is "a one-off, it's out of the ordinary. You can't learn a lot from it, because it doesn't go along with the pattern."

Dr Paul d'Orban, a forensic scientist, can only remember reading one study of Jack the Ripper, and wonders if the fascination of the crimes may, in some cases, be rather subjective. "One instinctively jumps to the conclusion that there are morbid reasons why people are interested in these matters, and seem to show what one would call an excessive interest in the anatomical details. One can only suggest that it is a vicarious satisfaction that people obtain in this way."

If so, it is a sensation which seems to appeal more to men than women. The Ripper bibliography of more than 200 books and major articles does not include one female Ripperologist. "I have never seen or come across any woman who has committed anything remotely similar to the Jack the Ripper killings," Dr D'Orban observes. "Sadism, in the sense that one talks about it in men, is practically unknown in women."

Ripperologists like Harris are quick to point out that female crime writers have been inspired by Jack the Ripper: "Women are fascinated by the fictional angle." Yet P. D. James, for one, denies any such interest. "I think there is a slightly morbid relish in perpetually rehashing the story," she says. "These are real-life crimes, and real-life tragedies, and I feel that it has been done too often. My feeling is that this could now rest, and it's time it did rest."

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Divorced from civilized behaviour

BARBARA AMIEL

A house-guest drew my attention last Monday to one of the tabloids trumpeting Sir Ralph Halpern's divorce. "He's handling it in a very civilized way," said the guest admiringly, who is currently going through the high Cs in his own marital saga. "Joan is a wonderful person," announced Sir Ralph, speaking of Lady Halpern. "She is loyal, generous and, yes, forgiving. But for various reasons we have been growing apart." Then there was the pro forma stuff about the break-up not being due to "any one person", and how frantically he had been working at the office. It ended with the hope that they would continue to be good friends. Very civilized indeed.

Two days later, things were a little less gracious. "Joan is a straightforward and honest person," an unnamed friend of Lady Halpern's told the tabloid. "But she thinks that the reasons for the break-up of the marriage should be the correct ones." This turned out to mean details of Sir Ralph's extra-marital affairs. My friend was bitter. "It's the legal system," he said. "If a marriage is ending, why can't it be done gracefully?"

I'm not sure I could agree. Whatever mess human beings get into when they divorce, it seems unlikely that it is "the system" that does it. In the past few decades divorce has become easier and easier. These days, you can get one virtually by post. If a couple agrees the marriage is over, as the Halperns have, they needn't even bother divorcing. They can live with other partners secure in the knowledge that there will be no legal and virtually no social repercussions. What could be more civilized?

Still, most divorcing partners shriek and moan and behave dreadfully in the eyes of each other. But isn't this as it should be? The minute "civilized" divorces become the norm, I think we destroy civilized marriages. You can only eliminate the guilt, bitterness and howls of pain if you devalue marriage from a powerful sacred union and turn it into one of those inconsequential arrangements people enter into – like joining a health club.

Real marriages were destroyed for no reason at all in Hungerford and the inquest has made quite awful listening. Still, one result may mean less gore on television, although I wish we were honest about our motives: that gangster sitcoms are boring, coarse and offensive to fashionable taboos, rather than cite some pseudo-scientific mumbo-jumbo about a relationship between *Miami Vice* and the Southall riots. In 1956 a man named Stephen Nash murdered and mutilated children in California. He blamed Tolstoy's *War and Peace*. In 1970, a man called John L. Frazier massacred a family after being incensed by environmental literature. (He accused the murdered father of "misusing" the natural environment.) I could name dozens of gruesome murders inspired by the Bible, the Koran, Marx, Fanon and Nietzsche.

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I have a deep suspicion of all the studies done investigating the relationship between depictions of violence and violent behaviour, whichever side they are on. It seems to me that they have a view of what social policy should be, and then set out to provide the evidence to legitimize their bias.

The latest study, presented in Washington to a subcommittee of the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Family, for example, decided that violence against women was caused by non-violent sexual depictions in videos rather than violent ones.

The methodology used to arrive at this conclusion (showing university students lots of sexy and violent videos) seemed about as reliable as that of Professor Edward Donnerstein, the leader in the promotion of the link between screen violence and violent behaviour, who gives his subjects electric shocks before and after watching video nasties. Surely, reading the entrails of dead animals would be more scientific?

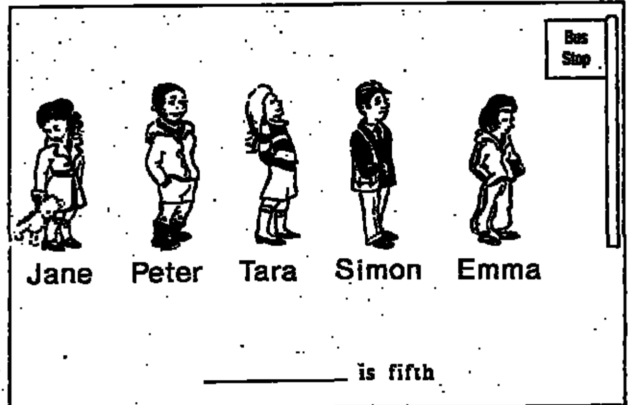
I must confess that I *was* outraged at the rape scenes in *Sins*. But my dyspepsia had more to do with the knowledge that Nazis, by-and-large, were keen on murder, not rape. Let's damn them for the right "sins". I know this would have played havoc with Miss Collins's deeply traumatic relationship with all Germans for the next two episodes, but perhaps just the sight of her pregnant mother being tortured and six million Jews being murdered would have stimulated her – from a Stanislavsky point-of-view.

The final outrage of the week came with the scene of Labour delegates cheering the four-month sentence on Keith Best for his multiple share applications. As far as I can see, Best was only implementing Labour's dreams of taking away stocks from small shareholders under renationalization. True, Best used deceit in his scheme, but Labour euphemisms such as "social ownership" for what is in fact state larceny, are deceptive as well. More to the point, a four-month prison sentence looks like a blatant example of class justice – discrimination against the socially and economically better-off.

Worse offenders than Best have either not been prosecuted, or simply been given fines. Best has ruined his Parliamentary career and may be disbarred. Where is the compassion of our liberals for the so-called "victimless" crime? Who did Best rob and what did he steal from them? A statistically insignificant chance to make a few pounds on speculation? Because he is in a position of trust, he certainly deserves to be punished, but is he a sufficient menace to the public to require locking up in Brixton prison? I can't help thinking of Dr Madsen Pirie's observation: "When was the last time you were afraid to go out at night in case you were embezzled?"

Summed up at seven

How to test your child's mathematical skills – at home and in confidence



Asking the questions: which child is fifth in the queue?

A simple test, to enable parents and teachers to discover whether seven year olds know as much arithmetic as they should, has been devised by the National Foundation for Educational Research.

Its publication, at a time when the Government is proposing to introduce a system of national testing at the age of seven, is sure to attract considerable attention. It will enable local authorities to judge how well classes in different schools are doing in relation to each other, as well as facilitate the individual assessment of pupils.

The test, which is called *Mathematics 7*, is subtitled "A Teacher's Guide" but it will be available to parents as well as schools. It consists of 28 questions of varying difficulty, covering four kinds of concepts and skills: understanding, computation, application and factual recall.

The simplest question asks the child to look at a picture of four drinking straws of different lengths and pick out which straw is the longest, and then which straw is the shortest. The most difficult question is illustrated by a table which shows four numbers both numerically and spelt out; the child is asked to draw a line from each number to the corresponding name.

The test takes about 30 minutes to administer but there is no time limit, and the questions are read out so that poor readers are not handicapped. A conversion table allows the child's score to be turned into a standardized one which takes age into account. *Mathematics 7* has also been standardized on a representative sample of nearly 4,000 children in 139 randomly-selected state and private schools, so that parents and teachers can tell how each child is performing in relation to the national average.

The foundation says that the test has been designed to be fairly easy, so as to ensure a relatively high level of success for most children. It is better suited, therefore, to identifying those who are not doing as well as they should rather than to discovering high achievers.

High achievers are defined as those who, depending on their age, answer at least 21 of the questions correctly. But incorrect answers are as important as correct ones: they are often rich in information about a child's limitations. Question 18, for example, asks: "What must be added to eight to make 17?" Those who answer 25 have misunderstood the question, but can at least add up. Those who answer seven, or eight, have understood the question but cannot subtract.

John Clare

Mathematics 7 *can be obtained from the National Foundation for Educational Research, 2 Oxford Road East, Windsor, Berkshire (price £9).*

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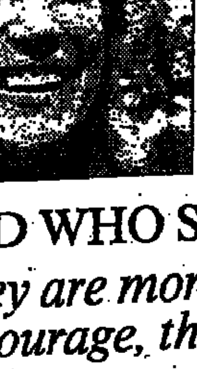
NEXT WEEK

WHO SAID THIS ABOUT BEING A WOMAN:

"Some of us are magnificent, some wimps – just like men"



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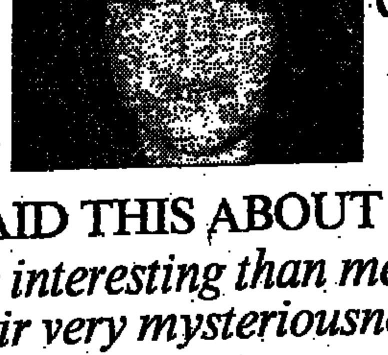

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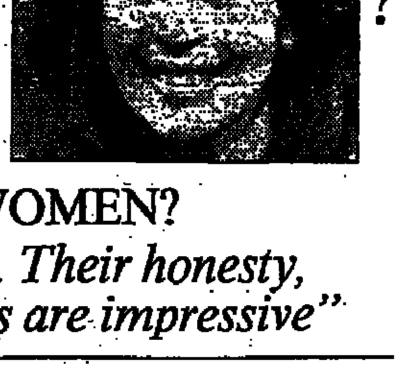

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. . . AND WHO SAID THIS ABOUT WOMEN?

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Southend Stadium	13/11/85	11/12/85	77p	94p	£53,812
Connells Est Agts	11/12/85	19/2/86	187p	217p	£56,775
WPP Group	26/2/86	19/3/86	388p	478p	£70,561
Stat Plus Group	2/4/86	18/9/86	270p	348p	£94,474
Lee Cooper	1/10/86	7/1/87	238p	388p	£120,818
Nottingham Brick	7/1/87	11/2/87	307p	395p	£144,695
Wickes	11/2/87	25/3/87	248p	345p	£198,637

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **AMBULANCE:** Tough drama conveying the plight of London's drop-outs With Patti Love and Julia Swift
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, mat Sat 3.30-5.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **THE BALCONY:** Sex, religion and the longing for power mix in the brothel of Genet's play
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight 7.30-10.30pm, mat Sat 3-6pm, £5.50-£13.50. (D)

☆ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:** Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom drama.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5 15pm and Sat 5-7 15pm, £5-£13.50

☆ **THE BIG KNIFE:** Clifford Odets operates on the Hollywood system. With Martin Shaw, Gayle Hunnicut.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Return of hit blues show: Carol Woods, Debby Bishop and Maria Friedman sing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6-8pm and 8.45-10.45pm, £8.50-£14.50 (D)

☆ **CORPSE:** Colin Baker and Jack Watling in twisty thriller of murder, money and identical twins.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden/Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7 10pm, £3.50-£13.50. (D)

★ **FOLLIES:** Sondheim's musical, in London at last, has Diana Rigg and Julia McKenzie leading a starry cast.
Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7 45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £10-£20.

☆ **GROUCHO: A LIFE IN REVUE:** Frank Ferrante in musical entertainment about the man with the cork moustache.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7 10pm, £4-£12.50. (D)

☆ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter. Good performances.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 4 45-7 15pm, £7.50-£18.50. (D)

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

LANCASTER: ☆ **It's a Girl:** Revival of the company's exhilarating all-woman musical show on pregnancy and allied matters.
Duke's Theatre, Moor Lane (0524 66645), Tues-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£5.

LEATHERHEAD: ☆ **Party Piece:** New Richard Harris comedy with Peggy Mount nosing in on her upwardly-mobile, party-giving neighbours.
Thorndike Theatre, Church Street (0372 377677). Tonight 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, £5-£7.20. (D)

LEICESTER: ☆ **Summer and Smoke:** Frances Barber in major revival of early Tennessee Williams.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3.50-£7.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Don Carlos:** Ian McDiarmid plays Philip of Spain in Schiller's drama of love and politics.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £2.60-£9.50.

PLYMOUTH: ☆ **Widow's Weeds:** New Anthony Shaffer blackish comedy set in the world of TV ads.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (0752 669595). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £3.50-£7. (D)

WATFORD: ☆ **Mary Rose:** Amanda Waring in the title role of Barrie's affecting play about ghosts, mother love and a Hebredian island. (D)
Palace Theatre, Calrendon Road (0923 225671). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, £2.25-£8.25.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

LA BAMBA (15): Conventional biography of the Mexican-American rock legend Richie Valens, dead at 17. Directed by Luis Valdez (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 5.40, 8.35.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 3.35, 6.00, 8.30. Late Fri 11.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Rd (01-636 6148). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25. Late Fri 11.15.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (1) The Untouchables
2 (2) Full Metal Jacket
3 (3) Outrageous Fortune
4 (4) The Living Daylights
5 (5) Lethal Weapon
6 (-) La Bamba
7 (7) Hope & Glory
8 (6) Hellraiser
9 (8) The Big Easy
10 (9) Blind Date
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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Full Metal Jacket
2 Outrageous Fortune
3 Blind Date
4 Hellraiser
5 Lethal Weapon
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UNITED STATES:
1 (1) Fatal Attraction
2 (2) The Principal
3 (3) Hellraiser
4 (5) Stakeout
5 (4) The Pick-Up Artist
6 (6) Dirty Dancing
7 (8) La Bamba
8 (7) No Way Out
9(10) Can't Buy Me Love
10 (9) The Big Easy
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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 (4) Critters
2 (3) Big Trouble in Little China
3 (5) Soul Man
4 (1) Mosquito Coast
5 (9) Pirates
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THE BIG EASY (18): Uncertain mixture of sex comedy and police thriller. Directed by Jim McBride (95 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.00, 9.05.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25. Late Fri 11.15.
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 1.45, 3.30, 5.25, 7.20, 9.15. Late Fri 11.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

■ **BLIND DATE (15):** Straight businessman taken for a ride by crazy Kim Basinger (95 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.45, 5.55, 8.50.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.35.
☎ **Odeon High Street Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.15, 8.45.

■ **FULL METAL JACKET (18):** Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed Vietnam drama. (115 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.10, 3.25, 5.50, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.50, 5.30, 8.15.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.35, 8.45.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

■ ***HELLRAISER* (18):** Full-blooded British horror film, written and directed by Clive Barker. (100 min).
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.15, 5.25, 8.20.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.30 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40, 11.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30, 11.15.

HOPE AND GLORY (15): An ordinary family lives through the extraordinary days of the London blitz. (113 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.

■ **LETHAL WEAPON (18):** Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as warring detectives. (109 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.35.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.10, 9.20.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS (PG):** A globe-trotting plot of East-West intrigue, with Timothy Dalton as 007. (130 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.10, 8.05.
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.15, 4.15, 8.00.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.45, 4.45, 7.45.
☎ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15. Late Fri 11.15.

■ ***OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE* (15):** Two ladies as alike as chalk and cheese find themselves in love with the same man. Directed by Arthur Hiller. (100 min).
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40.
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.15, 4.30, 7.45.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.20, 5.00, 8.40.

THE UNTOUCHABLES (15): Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's entertaining drama. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery and Robert De Niro (120 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.10, 5.10, 8.10. Late Fri 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.25, 8.20. Late Fri 11.20.
Cannon Fulham Road (01- 370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45, 11.30.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-435 3366/9787). Progs 4.05, 6.30, 8.45. Late Fri 11.15.

The Cheltenham Festival of Literature, our endearing annual orgy of bookishness, starts tomorrow. This year's theme is the convenient hold-all: Literature and Living. There are more than one hundred events, from high-minded lectures on such topics as the life of Bulgakov to beat poets and cookery-book feasts. An avalanche of words and authors and celebrities and literary groupies is about to descend on the old town. George Steiner will give the Cheltenham Lecture: his subject is censorship. Paul Foot is going to give a literary appreciation of Richard Carlile, the radical journalist; but I guess he will also talk about threats to press freedom today. At least two of the authors whose novels have been shortlisted for the Booker Prize are appearing. Peter Ackroyd (top left) will discuss the reappearance of the historical novel with Timothy Mo (top right) and Melvyn Bragg (bottom left) and Penelope Lively (bottom right) takes part in a debate on the future of literature in the national curriculum in schools. The anniversaries of *The Hobbit* and Sherlock Holmes will be celebrated. Most of the events take place in the Town Hall and the Everyman Theatre; but the festival has also spread to halls and churches round Gloucestershire. Festival Office: Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham (0242 523690). Until October 18. ***Philip Howard***

OPERA

☆ **TANNHAUSER:** Revival of Elijah Moshinsky's production, now conducted by Peter Schneider and with Klaus König in the title role.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 6.30-10.30pm, £2-£55.

☆ **PACIFIC OVERTURES:** The lively Stephen Sondheim's Kabuki-style satire on American colonialism in Japan in the 1850s.
English National Opera, Colseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.50pm, £2-£21.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **LAYFIELD/RNCMCO:** Malcolm Layfield conducts the Royal Northern College of Music Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's Divertimento K 138, Schubert's Symphony No 3 and Patterson's Sinfonia.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 12.15pm, £2.

EVENING

☆ **CLASSICAL PLEASURE:** The NatWest "Classics for Pleasure" series begins with Carl Davis conducting the LPO in his own *Classics for Pleasure Fanfare*, continuing with Sibelius's *Karelia* Suite, Khachaturian's Violin Concerto (Jae Park, soloist) and ending with excerpts from his own music for *Fire and Ice*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.75.

☆ **WILLIAM HOWARD:** This pianist offers quite an unusual programme comprising Chopin's *Barcarolle*, the youthful George Benjamin's *Fantasy on Iambic Rhythm*, Schubert's *"Wanderer" Fantasy*, the London première of Michael Ball's *Kabuki*, Chopin's Ballade No 4 and the world première of Colin Matthews's *11 Studies in Velocity*.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **MAINLY RAWSTHORNE:** The Rawsthorne Trio, members of the Allegri Quartet and others perform Alan Rawsthorne's Suite, Cello Sonata, Trio and some piano pieces.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 8pm, £3.

☆ **NEW SERIES:** The Alberni Quartet begin their Bristol Beethoven series with his Quartets Opp 18 No 1, 59 No 3 and 127.
St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 7.30pm, £4.

DANCE

☆ **ROYAL THAI DANCERS:** Colourful programme of traditional dances.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£13.

☆ **THE PHANTASMAGORIA:** Robert Cohan's new spectacle of fantasy and illusion for London Contemporary Dance Theatre, with Tom Jobe and Daniel Ezralow as guest choreographers.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7846), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£9.50.

☆ **STRONG LANGUAGE:** Richard Alston's latest work for Rambert Dance Theatre with Christopher Bruce's lyrical *Dancing Day* and Siobhan Davies's *Rushes*.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30-9.45pm, £3-£7.

JAZZ

☆ **SWINGING ON 10TH AVENUE:** Gershwin celebrated by Georgie Fame, Elaine Delmar and Keith Smith's Hefty Jazz.
Fairfield Halls, Croydon (01-688 9291), 8pm, £4-£6.

☆ **BARBARA THOMPSON:** Skilful saxophonist with a liking for Weather Report-style fusion music.
Link Centre, Swindon (0793 871212), 8pm, £5.

☆ **PHILLIP BENT:** Guildhall-trained flautist is among the cream of the new generation of British jazz musicians.
Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (01-223 2223), 9pm, £3.50.

ROCK

☆ **JOHN HIATT:** Recorded on a low-budget with Ry Cooder, Jim Keltner and Nick Lowe, his *Bring The Family* album has caused a minor sensation in critical circles.
Mean Fiddler, 28a Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490), 8pm, £5.

★ **CAMEO:** Larry Blackmon's heavy funk/soul revue takes most other rap, rock and spandex-Gap Band types to the cleaners.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775) 7.30pm, £6.50-£8.50.

☆ **NAJMA AKHTAR:** The first night of the *Crossing The Border* festival of world music features British-born Akhtar who specialises in Urdu poetry set to Indian music. Continues all next week.
Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394, info 01-379 4330), 7.30pm, £6-£6.50.

A sculpted head of Christ (above) by Dame Elisabeth Frink and engraved glass by Lawrence Whistler are among the items on display at the Festival of Ecclesiastical Crafts in Salisbury Cathedral (see listing). The stained glass artist, Henry Haigh, is showing a cartoon of his memorial window for policewoman Yvonne Fletcher and the other skills represented include silver work and calligraphy. There is also a demonstration by the team restoring the cathedral's famous spire.

★ **THE EVERLY BROTHERS:** They may look old and unglamorous, but the harmonies are still struck to perfection. Beginning of a UK tour.
Sunderland Empire, High Street West (091 514 2517) 6.30pm and 9pm, £7-£11.50.

☆ **CHUCK BROWN AND THE SOUL SEARCHERS:** The man from Washington credited with inventing the souped-up funk called Go Go. A party is assured.
Town and Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £5.

GALLERIES

THE SCARF SHOW: 250 scarves from the 18th century onwards in a show organized jointly by Liberty and the Crafts Council.
Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 1234), Mon-Sat 9.30-6pm, free, until Oct 24.

DHRUVA MISTRY: Reliefs which bring voluptuous Indian goddesses into the mainstream of new British sculpture.
Nigel Greenwood Gallery, 4 New Burlington Street, London W1 (01-434 3795), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10.30-1.30pm, free, until Oct 31.

INGRID KERMA: New paintings by a formerly abstract artist which introduce deep space and traces of figures.
Richard Pomeroy Gallery, Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London SE1 (01-237 6062), Tues-Fri 11-6.30pm, Sat 11-4pm, free, until Oct 17.

GEORGE ROUSSE: Large cibachrome photographs of *trompe l'oeil* paintings and installations made in derelict buildings by an influential French artist.
Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041 332 7521), Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until Oct 10.

BILL WOODROW: Recent works by an artist who combines and transforms scrap materials into sculpture.
Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, Manchester (061 228 7621), Tues-Sun 12-8pm, free, until Nov 1.

IAN CAUGHLIN: Paintings and drawings done in busy London streets, and especially in London Bridge Station, which capture the frenetic pace of urban life.
Louise Hallett Gallery, 27 Junction Mews, Sale Place, London W2 (01-724 9865), Tues-Sat 11-7pm, free, until Oct 10.

SOVIET CINEMA POSTERS: A show of dynamic graphics by Rodchenko and others adverting the silent classics of Eisenstein and his post-revolutionary colleagues.
Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 728608), Tues-Sun 10-6pm, free, until Oct 18.

OTHER EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPUTNIK-1: Exhibition celebrating the Russian launch in 1957 of the first artificial satellite. Includes a full-size replica of Sputnik-1. Photographs, scale models and film clips tell the story of *Fellow-Traveller* which circled the earth in 90.2 minutes and remained in space for 92 days.
Exploration of Space Gallery, Science Museum, London SW7 (01-589 3456), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free, until Jan 17.

FESTIVAL OF ECCLESIASTICAL CRAFTS: See caption.
Salisbury Cathedral and adjacent marquees, Salisbury, Wilts. Today, tomorrow and Sun, 10-6pm, £1.

TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD: Exhibition of church embroidery, plate and illuminated manuscripts from 13th to 19th centuries.
Bar Convent Museum, Blossom Street, York (0904 643238). Today, tomorrow 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1.75 (child under 14, £1).

TWENTIETH SURREY ANTIQUES FAIR: David Jacobs opens the fair at which many respected antique dealers will be present. Furniture to pre-1840 datelines, most other items pre-1887.
Civic Hall, Guildford, Surrey (info 04868 22562). Today 7pm-9.30pm, tomorrow 11-8pm, Sun 11-6pm, Mon-Wed 11-8pm, Thurs 11-6pm, £3 (under-18s £1).

THE WEALD OF KENT PRESERVATION SOCIETY ART EXHIBITION: Sculptures, paintings, lithographs and drawings.
Tenterden Town Hall, Tenterden, Kent. Today and tomorrow 9.30-5.30pm.

PROVINCIAL BOOKSELLERS FAIR: Antiquarian and second-hand books, maps and ephemera sale.
The Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, Bath. Today 2-8pm, tomorrow 10-6pm, 30p.

TALKS

SKIRMISHES WITH ENGLISH GRAMMAR: Robert Burchfield, scholar, grammarian and editor of the *Supplement to the Oxford English Dictionary*, completed in 1986, talks about his work.
Methodist Church, St Peter Street, Canterbury, Kent (Festival Box Office: 0227 455600), 5.30pm, £1.50.

WALKS

100 YEARS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

HISTORIC WESTMINSTER: meet Westminster tube, 2pm, £2.25.

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK — INNS OF COURT: meet Chancery Lane tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS AND OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

LONDON SINFONIETTA: 20th season includes birthday concert, conducted by Harrison Birtwistle plus staged performances of Weill's *The Seven Deadly Sins*, Ravel's *L'heure Espagnole*, and Henze's *The English Cat*. Season includes 13 world premières, and five British premieres, with works by Simon Holt, Nigel Osborne, Iannis Xenakis and Oliver Knussen.
London Sinfonietta, Kingston Polytechnic, Kingston Hill, Kingston, Surrey (01-549 5757).

BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY GALA EVENING: Light-hearted review of the British equestrian scene, with demonstrations by well-known personalities of dressage, driving and showjumping. Plus parade of sale horses. Oct 30.
British Equestrian Centre, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warwickshire (0203 57610).

J J FARR: New play by Ronald Harwood opens in West End, with Albert Finney and Bob Peck. Cast includes Bernard Lloyd, Hugh Paddick, Trevor Peacock and Dudley Sutton. From Nov 18.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-836 2294).

LAST CHANCE

AFRICAN MEDICINE: Traditional ways of dealing with disease in Africa, plus examination of current scientific work on medical plants and prospects of obtaining new drugs. Ends Sun.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-603 4535).

LICHFIELD'S ROYAL ALBUM: Photos by the Earl of Lichfield from his Royal Portfolio. Ends today.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 3203).

GEORGES BRAQUE (1882-1963): Illustrations for Guillaume Appolinaire's poetry - one of the cubist painter's rare departures into graphic work. Ends today.
French Institute, 13 Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh (031 225 5366).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Ton't 7.45 POPS GO THE BEATLES - Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra David Arnold (cond)

EXHIBITIONS

BRITISH LIBRARY, Gt Russell Street, London WC1 VIEWS OF THE PAST Drawing as a record of place. Mon-Sat 10-5 Sun 2.30-6 Adm. Free

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't & Tue 7.30. Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 Pacific Overtures.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear
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BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.35 **Edgar Kennedy in Unlucky Dog** (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Sally Magnusson in the London studio and James Cox at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 **Open Air.** Susan Rae and Natalie Anglesey receive viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To participate ring 061-814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 **News and weather** **9.05** **Neighbours** (r).
9.25 **Labour Party Conference 1987.** Live coverage of the closing morning's session. The commentators in Brighton are Sir Robin Day, David Dimbleby and Nick Clarke. Includes news and weather at **10.00.**
10.30 **Children's BBC.** *Andy Crane* with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** presented by Stuart Bradley and Elizabeth Watts (r).
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Diana Quick with a thought for the day **11.00** **News and weather** **11.05** **Labour Party Conference 1987.** Further coverage of the final morning's proceedings in Brighton. Includes news and weather at **12.00.**
12.30 **Open Air.** Susan Rae and Eamonn Holmes introduce programme makers to their critics. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.30** **Neighbours.** Paul and Zoe are locked in an uneasy alliance and then Zoe makes her decision.
1.50 **Film: Thousands Cheer** (1943) starring Gene Kelly, Kathryn Grayson and Mary Astor. Musical tale of a private who falls in love with a colonel's daughter. Directed by George Sidney.
3.50 **Corners** presented by Sophie Aldred and Simon Davies **4.10** **SuperTed** (r). **4.15** **What's All This Then?**
4.55 **Newsround** **5.05** **Grange Hill.** Episode two of the 24-part serial (r). (Ceefax) **5.35** **Roland Rat – the Series.** The guests are Frankie Goes to Hollywood and Alexei Sayle (r).
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan** with Edward Woodward, Marilyn French, Harold Dobson and an unusual pop group, Bad News.
7.40 **Blankety Blank** presented by Les Dawson. With Jim Bowen, Linda Davidson, John Junkin, Rustie Lee, Linda Lusardi and Paul Shane. (Ceefax)
8.10 **Twenty One Years of the Two Ronnies.** Messrs Barker and *Corbett choose their favourite* sketches from their 21-year association. (Ceefax)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Pulaski.** (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.45 **Omnibus: The Omnibus Edition.** Jonathan Miller celebrates 20 years of the series by selecting clips from the more than 400 programmes.
11.55 **Film: Shark's Treasure** (1974) starring Cornel Wilde and Yaphet Kotto. Adventure yarn about two treasure hunters in the Caribbean who locate a sunken wreck with a cargo of gold. The only trouble is that the prize is being guarded by sharks. When this problem is overcome and they recover a large amount of the gold they are set upon by a gang of ruthless escaped convicts. Directed by Cornel Wilde.
1.30 **Weather.**

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6.00 **TV-am** introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.
7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55.** Plus, Jimmy Greaves's television highlights. After Nine includes Russell Grant's forecasts for the coming week.
9.25 **Thames news headlines.**
9.30 **Chain Letters.** Word game presented by Jeremy Beadle **10.00** **Santa Barbara.** Unspeakable American soap **10.25** **News headlines** **10.30** **The Time... The Place...** A discussion chaired by Mike Scott on the state of the popular press. With past and present members of the *Daily Star*.
11.10 **Rainbow.** Learning about protection from the elements, with puppets and guest, *Bernie Clifton* (r). **11.25** **Thames news headlines** **11.30** **Wildabout.** The flora and fauna of Jersey's hedges and woodlands. **12.00** **Jimmy's.** Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 **News** with Julia Somerville **12.50** **Thames news.**
1.00 **Lace II.** The second and final part of the drama and Lili continues her search for the identity of her father (r). **3.00** **Take the High Road.** Why is Eric objecting to a friendship between Joanna and Fiona? **3.25** **Thames news headlines** **3.30** **Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
4.00 **Cockleshell Bay.** Seaside adventures of the Cockle twins (r). **4.10** **The Adventures of Tintin** **4.20** **Scooby Doo.** Cartoon series. **4.45** **Splash** includes a profile of teenage golf progidy Joe Smith.
5.15 **Snooker.** Semi-final action in the Fidelity International.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show** presented by Michael Aspel.
7.00 **Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right.** Game show.
7.30 **New Faces of '87.** Talent show presented by Marti Caine. The non-voting judges are Nina Myskow, Peter Skellern and Stephanie Lawrence.
8.30 **The Two of Us.** Comedy series starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley as the on/off lovers, Ashley and Elaine. Tonight, Ashley seems to be making a meal about feeling a little poorly. (Oracle)
9.00 **Bust.** Comedy drama series about Neil, a failed wheeler-dealer with an estranged wife. Tonight, fed-up with living on his own, he tries to persuade wife Sheila to come back home. While he is with Sheila he learns something to his advantage – as long as he can raise the money to buy a farm. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair *Burnet and Carol Barnes.* Weather followed by **LWT News.**
10.30 **Concrete & Clay.** Malcolm Coe investigates the claim that drinking water in the south-east is contaminated by radioactive iodine from the River Thames; Gavin Stamp rails against London Transport for destroying the architectural heritage of tube stations; and we meet a lady who has been feeding the local Croydon badger population for almost a quarter of a century.
11.00 **Snooker.** The Fidelity International semi-finals.
12.30 **Highway Patrol** (b/w). Vintage American crime series starring Broderick Crawford.
1.00 **Night Network** includes a Nicholas Parsons quiz show.
4.00 **The Duke Lives On John Wayne.** A celebration of the late actor including clips from his many films.
4.55 **Baseball '87.** California Angels v Detroit Tigers. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC2

6.55 **Open University:** Energy – Closing the Gap. Ends at **7.20.**
9.05 **See Hear!** Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r).
9.30 **Daytime on Two:** the 1983 general election in the Edinburgh East constituency **9.25** Part two of a ghost story **10.15** Scottish inventions **10.38** Glasgow's redevelopment since 1945 **11.00** Storytime **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** Living in the country
12.00 Part one of Shelagh Delaney's *A Taste of Honey* **12.35** Everton football fans in the Netherlands **1.05** Ski-ing in Austria **1.20** For the very young **1.38** Third year choices **2.00** News and weather **2.02** For four- and five-year olds.
2.15 **International Golf: The Dunhill Cup.** Coverage of the world professional team championship. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
5.30 **Food and Drink Summer Quiz** (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 **Film: Tarzan's Peril** (1951, b/w) starring Lex Barker and Virginia Huston. A dangerous criminal escapes from jail and makes for the jungle where he intends to do Tarzan a mischief and then set up an illegal arms supply business. Directed by Byron Haskin.
7.15 **Music in Camera.** Michael Oliver previews a new series of chamber music
7.30 **The Education Programme.** A new series presented by Linda Alexander and Martin Young.
8.00 **The Friday Report.** This first of a new series features Steve Clarke examining the problems facing the Labour Party in the South-east of the country.
8.30 **Gardeners' World** from Percy Thrower's garden at the Magnolias, Shrewsbury.
9.00 **Foreign Bodies.** Comedy romance between a Roman Catholic and a Protestant.
9.30 **Peter Ustinov's Russia.** Part three examines the country's battles with Napoleon.
10.20 **Newsnight** **11.15** **Weather.**
11.20 **Film: I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang** (1932, b/w) starring Paul Muni as an innocent whose wrongful conviction turns him into a criminal. Directed by Mervyn Le Roy. Ends at **12.55.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Schools.**
12.00 **Business Daily.** Business and financial news service.
12.30 **Just 4 Fun: Start Here** (r).
1.00 **On Course.** Live, weekly magazine programme for Open College trainers.
2.00 **Snooker.** Semi-final action in the Fidelity International.
2.30 **Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket.** The 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races.
4.00 **Snooker.** The Fidelity International semi-finals.
5.00 **Conference Report.** Highlights of the final session of the Labour Party Conference in Brighton.
5.30 **Solid Soul.** Tonight's guests include the Housemaster Boyz.
6.00 **Revid.**
6.15 **The Chart Show.**
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. Followed by **Weather.**
7.50 **Book Choice.** Charles Osborne reviews Richard Ellman's biography of Oscar Wilde.
8.00 **What the Papers Say** with Joe Rogaly of the *Financial Times*.
8.15 **A Tribute to Norman McLaren.** Richard Evans presents a tribute to the late animator.
9.00 **Tandoori Nights** (r).
9.30 **Village Show.** Ursula Buchan visits Moreton in Marsh show. (Oracle)
10.00 **The Golden Girls.** Comedy series about four middle-aged women who share the same Florida home. (Oracle)
10.30 **The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross.** The guests include Brigitte Nielsen, estranged wife of Sylvester Stallone, actor Richard Harris and photographer Norman Parkinson.
11.20 **Chuck Solomon – Coming of Age.** After losing his brother, lover and several friends to Aids, the San Francisco actor/director discovered he had the disease. At his 40th birthday party he talks about his life, the disease and San Francisco's homosexual community.
12.30 **First Frame: Killing Time.** A film about two friends living on the dole at a seaside resort.
1.10 **Film: Partners in Crime** (1960, b/w) starring Bernard Lee as a police inspector investigating the death of a wealthy businessman. Directed by Peter Duffell. Ends at **2.05.**

Two faces of superman

TELEVISION CHOICE

David Andrews and Caroline Langrishe, stars of the new comedy-thriller series Pulaski: on BBC1, 9.30pm

● Writers become typecast no less than actors and Roy Clarke cannot blame anything but his own talent for being associated with gentle, inconsequential comedy rooted in the absurd nuances of everyday life. There are echoes of this in Clarke's new series, **Pulaski** (BBC1, 9.30pm), but it is a long way from *Open All Hours* and *The Last of the Summer Wine*. More firmly structured than either of those delicious rambles, it features David Andrews and Caroline Langrishe as husband and wife actors who play a husband and wife in a television detective series. The humour and the drama derive from the disparity between the hero's screen image and his real self. As Pulaski, the Polish-American private eye of the television fiction, he is honest, upright and a winner. As Larry Summers, the actor, he drinks too much, fools around with girls and has his wife screaming for a divorce. But while the show is running, they have to stick together. Constantly compared with the character he plays ("You will never be Pulaski, he's nicer than you") poor Larry gets himself involved in a real murder case and finds himself considerably more at sea than the detective he plays on the screen. Like many first episodes of a new series, this one spends a lot of time establishing its credentials and then crowds the excitement into the last few hectically plotted minutes. But the underlying theme of how the public demands its fantasy heroes to be supermen in real life is capable of fruitful development and, helped by the skilled playing of its two principals, the show has a nice tongue in cheek style.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Johnnie Walker **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show (Tommy Vance). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (Medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
Sports Round-Up **8.50am** **4.00** Bill Rennells **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Simon McCheane **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Serenade **10.30** The Grumbleweeds **11.00** Peter Dickson presents Nightcap **1.00** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times GMT. All an hour for BST.
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Write On ... **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Music in Old England **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Look Ahead **9.45** Man of Property **10.00** News **10.01** Best of British **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme **10.30** Business Matters **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** In the Meantime **11.25** Letter From Northern Ireland **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00pm** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Jazz for the Asking **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Tony Myatt Request Show **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter From Northern Ireland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Music Now **9.45** Battle of Pollock's Crossing **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From The Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00am** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal Views **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Best of British **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Education Bulletin
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Rossini (William Tell overture: LSO under Claudio Abbado). Knechtl (Horn Concerto: Barry Tuckwell, with Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Iona Brown). Verdi (Chi i bei di m'adduce ancora: Margaret Price, soprano, with Geoffrey Parsons, piano). Tchaikovsky (Serenade in C for strings: Berlin PO under Karajan)
8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued): Mendelssohn (Ruy Blas overture: LSO under André Previn). J.C. Bach (Sonata in E flat Op 5 No 4: Ingrid Haebler, fortepiano). Hadley (One morning in spring: LPO under Sir Adrian Boult). Schmidt (Variations on a Hussar's Song: New Philharmonia Orchestra under Hans Bauer)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Carl Maria von Weber. Invitation to the Dance (Paul Crossley, piano); overture Euryanthe (Dresden State Orchestra, udner Marek Janowski), Konzertstuck 1821 (Alfred Brendel, piano, with LSO under Claudio Abbado), and Act 2 finale of Oberon, Mermaid Song: with soloists Donald Grobe, Margha Schiml and Arleen Auger. With Bavarian Radio SO and Chorus under Rafael Kubelik
10.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra, under Maurice Handford, with James Dower (flute). Borodin (Nocturne, arranged by Sargent), Jean-Michel Damase (Serenade for flute and strings Op 36), Dag Wiren (Serenade Op 11)
10.50 C.P.E. Bach and Schubert: Martin Hughes (piano) plays Bach's Variations on Les Folies d'Espagne; and Schubert's Sonata in C minor, D 958
11.35 Landini Consort: first broadcast performance of Christopher Fox's Missa est
12.00 Scottish National Orchestra, under Alexander Gibson. With Jon Kimura Parker (piano). Part one. Beethoven (Egmont overture), William Sweeney (Sunset song); Sibelius (Symphony No 7)
1.00 News
1.05 Scottish National Orchestra concert (part two): Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3)
1.45 Medici String Quartet: Smetana (Quartet No 1)
2.15 The Molecular Ark: Colin Tudge interviews Dr Chris Stringer of the National History Museum in London who explains the diversity of *homo sapiens* (r)
2.35 University of Wales Recital: Lowri Blake (cello), with Caroline Palmer (piano). Beethoven (Sonata in F, Op 5 No 1), Martinu (Sonata No 3), Janacek (Pohadka, A tale), Brahms (Sonata in E minor Op 38). Interval reading at **3.15**
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Guildford Cathedral. The organ voluntary is the Prelude and Fugue in C, by J.S. Bach, BWV 545. The organist and master of choristers is Andrew Millington
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: Rodney Slatford presents a selection of recorded music
6.55 News
7.00 Haydn: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Lorin Maazel play the Symphony No 92
7.30 Piano recital: part one. Stephen Hough plays Chopin's Ballade in G minor Op 23; Schubert's Sonata in A minor, D 784; and Paderewski's Minuet in G Op 14 No 1; and Noctyurne in B flat Op 16 No 4
8.05 Poetry Now: verse selection introduced by Alan Brownjohn and read by the poets themselves. They include Fleur Adcock, Charles Causley, Maura Dooley, Gavin Ewart, Laurence Lerner and Hugh Williams
8.25 Piano recital: part two. Medtner's Sonata in G minor Op 22; Fauré's Barcarolle No 3 and Nocturne No 6; and Liszt's Rapsodie espagnole
9.15 The Mote in the Eye: play by Frederick Bradnum. With Sian Phillips, Gabriel Woolf, Monica Grey, Guy Rolfe, Carol Marsh, and William Fox (see Choice)
10.40 The Composer Conducts: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, with Jan De Gaetani (soprano). Jacob Druckman's Lamia (the composer and Andrew Parrott conduct), and Prism (conducted by the composer)
11.30 Music and Sweet Poetry: Consort of Musicke under Anthony Rooley perform madrigals by Martin Peerson, including You little stars; Self pity's tears; O false and treacherous, and Where shall a sorrow
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Peter Hugo-Daly: Killing Time, C4, 12.30am

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Sportfolio **1.30am-1.35** News and weather. **SCOTLAND: 5.35-6.00** Reporting Scotland **10.45-11.15** The Beechgrove Garden **11.15** Omnibus **12.25am** Film: The Shark's Treasure **1.55-2.00** Weather. **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **1.30-1.35** News and weather. **ENGLAND: 6.35-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 **WALES 8.00pm-8.30** Face the Music **NORTHERN IRELAND 10.15am-10.38** Ulster in Focus **8.00pm-8.30** Only Fools and Horses. **ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30** **East:** Insight **Midlands:** Inside Story: The Treatment **North:** Born Again Yorkshire **North-east:** At the Conferences **North-west:** Top Town **South:** Los Ninos – Children of a Civil War **South-west:** Path to the Sea **West:** Harvest 87: A Surplus to Requirements.

ANGLIA As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **2.45-3.00** Cartoon **6.00-7.00** **About Anglia** 10.30-11.00 **Cross Question Conference Special from Brighton.**

BORDER As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News 2.45 **Short Story Theatre** 3.30-4.00 **Young Doctors** 6.00 **Lookaround** 6.30-7.00 **Take the High Road** 10.30-11.00 **Worlds Beyond** 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** News **2.45-3.00** Magic, Magic **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Central Weekend **11.30** Snooker **12.30am** Film: Creatures the World Forgot **2.15** The Roxy **2.45** America's Top Ten **3.15** Adventure Bound **4.15** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **2.45** Ceramic Firing **3.00** That's My Dog **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** **Channel Report** 6.40 **Wildlife South** 6.55-7.00 **Weekend Diary** 10.30 **The Race is On** 4.00am **Company, Closedown.**

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **2.45** Prairie Habitat **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Trang Trang **3.45-4.00** Sudan **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.30-11.00** Crossfire **12.30am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **12.50am-1.00** Granada Reports **2.45-3.00** Week in View **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Knight Rider **10.30-11.00** Celebration **12.30am** Film: The Border **2.00** I Spy **2.55** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **2.45-3.00** Cartoon **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Your Say **10.45-11.00** New Squadronaires **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30-11.00** Quartet.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **2.45** Country Calendar **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30** Cartoon **3.45-4.00** Sudan **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Bliss In Concert **10.30-11.10** Terry Neason **12.30am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **2.45-3.00** Slipstream **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-7.00** Friday Show **10.32-11.00** Sledgehammer **12.30am** New Order Live **1.30** Postscript, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **2.45-3.00** Cartoon **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Extra Time **10.32-11.00** What Would You Do? **12.30am** Three's Company, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **2.45** Ceramic Firing **3.00** That's My Dog **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **10.30-11.00** The Race is On **4.00am** Company, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** Newstime **2.45-3.00** Cartoon **6.00** Six Tonight **6.15-7.00** Six Tonight Extra **10.30** Witness **10.35-11.00** Nine to Five **12.25am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** ALF **10.30-11.00** Hitchcock Presents **12.30am** Film: Rear View Mirror **2.20** Jobfinder **3.20** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Gong Show **1.00** Open College **2.00** Snooker **2.30** Racing **4.00** Snooker **4.20** Brwsion **4.35** Y Smyrffs **5.00** Labour Conference Report **5.30** Solid Soul **6.00** Revid **6.15** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Whilmentan **8.00** Caryl ac Einan **8.30** Y Byd ar Bedwar **9.30** Spring Cleaning **10.30** Last Resort with Jonathan Ross **11.20** In the Pink **12.50am** First Flame. Killing Time **1.05** Mysteries of Edgar Wallace **2.05** Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **8.35** Your Letters
8.42 A Cure for Serpents by the Duke of Pirajno (last part). Read by Julian Glover **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is pianist Jacques Loussier who picks some of his favourite records (s)
9.45 Feedback (new series): Christopher Dunkley follows up your comments about BBC programmes and policies
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Dr Heidegger's Experiment from Twice Told Tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Read by David March
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 79) (s)
11.00 News; The Friday Feature: The Human Voice. Sarah Dunant explores the ways in which we use and misuse the voice and also how the power of the voice is developed
11.47 Magnificent Obsessions: Peter stead talks to the Ermine Street Guard, a group of men in Gloucestershire fascinated by the battle dress and drills of the Romans
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 After Henry: Bittersweet comedy series with Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson and Benjamin Whitrow (s)
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: introduced from Manchester by Jenny Cuffe. Today's line-up includes a special feature about a white family who adopted a black child. Plus the third episode of The Owl Papers, read by Michael J Shannon
3.00 News; The Count of Monte Cristo: by Alexandre Dumas, dramatized in seven parts by Barry Campbell (6) Poison. With Andrew Sachs as Edmond Dantès and Geoffrey Matthews as Baron Danglars (r) (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Andrew Welcome's First Birthday: *Although Andrew is 14, he is celebrating the first birthday of his adoption.* Jenny Cuffe tells the story of Andrew's life, how he was first abandoned, then how he experienced fostering and was finally advertised for adoption (see Choice)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. A second chance to hear last night's edition which included comment on Tim Parks's book Home Thoughts, and the Thailand Festival at the Barbican Centre and Sadler's Wells Theatre
5.00 PM: **5.50** Shipping
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and the team monitor movements in the worlds of travel and transport
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Andy Kershaw presents his highlights from the past week's television and radio programmes (s)
8.20 Any Questions?: Jonathan Dimbleby with Kenneth Baker MP, David Blunkett MP, Louis Blom-Cooper QC and Barbara Hosking. In front of an audience at Eastbourne
9.05 Stop Press: Glyn Worsnip casts a critical eye over the week's newspapers
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Self-Exposure. John Spurling learns some lessons from an exhibition of self-portraits now touring Britain
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Maker of Coffins: Last of three short stories by H E Bates. The reader is David Neal (s) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight. With David Sells. Includes a round-up of the day's happenings at the Labour Party conference
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: A satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Jon Glover (s) **12.00** News; Weather
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (cont) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Broadcasting. A Level English: Sargeant Musgrave's Dance

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RADIO CHOICE

Sian Phillips: R3, 9.15pm

● Frederick Bradnum's **The Mote in the Eye** (Radio 3, 9.15pm) might alternatively have been called *The Red in the Bed* as it deals, fashionably, with a KGB mole in MI6 and the affair he had with the wife of a defence minister. Betrayal, sexual and patriotic, is the name of the game and although some of dialogue comes awkwardly through the lips of a distinguished cast headed by Sian Phillips and Gabriel Woolf (as the local Marxist and his spouse who unwittingly bring skeletons rattling out of cupboards), the play itself manages to skate on some fairly thin political ice without its characters (with one grotesque exception) getting a soaking.

● There is delicious irony in the surname of the the adoptive couple in Susan Denny's inspirational documentary **Andrew Welcome's First Birthday** (Radio 4, 4.05pm). Welcome by name, welcome by nature. Up until the time they opened up their happy family circle to the young lad, he had known only rejection, fostering and children's homes. Now he has found love, and he is not afraid to use the word. Adoption without tears? It would seem so. But what's wrong with the occasional happy ending?

Peter Davalle

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Ridley plans fast track scheme to abolish rates

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

New plans under which low-spending councils, most of them Conservative-controlled, could by-pass the phasing-in period for the community charge are being prepared by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

Mr Ridley, who in July fought a fierce but unsuccessful battle in Cabinet against the four-year phasing-in period, is examining a number of options that would allow some councils to side-step it. The frontrunner is a scheme under which authorities whose rate income fell below a certain level before the four years was up could scrap rates and switch straight to the community charge.

The higher the Government set the threshold, the sooner councils could switch over. The result would be a patchwork effect across the country with some high-spending councils operating the dual system while others had only the community charge.

Mr Ridley will need Cabinet agreement for his plans and stiff resistance is likely from the Treasury, which wants to prolong the rating system.

However he can count on substantial support from Conservative councillors in the regions who are resolutely opposed to the phasing-in period.

A principal reason for the phasing-in period was to avoid sudden huge increases for those in high-spending, predominantly Labour council areas. In Camden, north London, for example, each adult would pay a community charge of £782, and in Hackney, east London, £691.

Low-spending Tory councils argue that the phasing-in period will cause them substantial extra costs and work. Running a rating system and the community charge simultaneously would involve councils in sending out millions of extra bills and in taking on extra administrative staff.

A senior source within the Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils said last night: "The Government has got a mandate and therefore it is our job to help introduce the community charge. However we have to put down a very clear warning that the phasing system is most unsatisfactory and very expensive. Our view is that if we have to have a community charge then let's get the transition period over as quickly as possible."

The phasing-in period is due to begin in 1990 in England, though in Scotland and Wales the community charge is to be introduced in a single instalment. Legislation is expected to be presented to Parliament in November.

● Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Local Government, yesterday signalled the start of the next stage in the campaign to introduce the community charge by challenging Labour to say how it would replace rates.

At next week's Tory conference Mr Ridley will launch a scathing attack on Labour's apparent inability to produce a preferable alternative

Showing the flag for Britannia

Even the wildlife was showing the flag when the Duchess of York visited a sugar factory in Mauritius on the last day of the official visit by the Duke and Duchess. The staff had pasted a Union Flag on to the shell of the resident tortoise to the obvious delight of the visitors. The factory was in the appropriately named town of Britannia.

Conference sketch

Fighting words in the war for peace

"Is Neil to be fixed by these guys?" In Parliament, Mr Tam Dalyell speaks like a man whose tongue has been dipped in the prose of *The Eton College Chronicle*, circa 1860. But in the less, shall we say, civilized environs of the Labour Party Conference he adopts a more street-wise lingo. It is just a shame that the street he chooses should be in Tombstone Gulch.

He was referring to those he described as "the so-called security services", but, were he to widen the circumference of his circle of conspiracies only slightly, he might also have included the other guys who were intent on fixing Neil – the Big Bad Unilateralist Gang. Tired of taking pot-shots at the Government, they were out to get the real two-timing Mr Big.

A delegate with horn-rimmed glasses and a small moustache kicked off the unilateralist debate. "When we win the next General Election – and we will ..." he began, using the catchphrase that has cropped up every few minutes during this conference, "... we will be facing a very different world than we do today". On the platform, Mr Kinnock seemed to breathe easily, for this has been his favourite excuse for doodling on the party's clean white unilateralist pad.

But the man with the small moustache then unbuttoned the cloak of his gist to reveal a well-stocked shoulder-holster beneath. "Neil", he said – always a bad sign – "Neil, when you became leader and long before, you made statements affirming your commitment to unilateralism. I urge you to reaffirm that commitment."

Neil looked statesmanlike, his preferred posture when feeling sheepish. Time was running out for the man with the small moustache, so he quickly added: "I beg you not to abdicate the policy on which we won the election". As he returned to his seat, the rest of the delegates looked a trifle awkward. Who would be man enough to tell him the awful news?

Mr Eric Hammond, of course. Mr Hammond loves being man enough to deliver awful news; indeed, it is his prime enjoyment in life. Not for him the shilly-shally: were he a hospital visitor, he would bring comfort to the afflicted by dressing in black, lustily swinging his thurible and singing "Abide With Me" at the top of his voice. Following in the long tradition of the great movement, his appearance at the rostrum was greeted with boos and hisses.

Mr Hammond suggested controversially that they had lost the election. He then produced figures from a poll of his own union to suggest that his members wouldn't say no to a bomb or two. Wagging his finger in the air he said "You will not quickly be forgiven if you continue your error!".

The unnerving aspect of Mr Hammond is that, among delegates whose voices tend to start at a screech and escalate towards the ear-piercing, he remains dull and monotone throughout. "Make the choice between permanent protest and power!". The shrill outcries that greeted this suggested that, for most delegates, the choice was perfectly easy.

Throughout the hall, delegates stood, their hands outstretched in the direction of the chairman. On one side stood Mr Ken Livingstone, on the other Mr Arthur Scargill. The choice fell on Mr Scargill. "I say this to Conference", he screamed, "if there is any thought in the mind of the platform of abandoning our unilateralist commitment, it will be hypocrisy at its worst".

Just as Mr Livingstone had previously spoken of "civil war" in the party, Mr Scargill now spoke of "internecine warfare". For such peace-loving fellows, the imagery that prowls the dark corridors of their minds is curiously combative.

Up popped Mr Denis Healey bearing the suppressed grin he always displays whenever a street brawl is promised. Addressing the conference in the manner of a long-serving prep-school master who has better things to do than waste his time talking to a lot of wretched children, he said that there was no room in the debate for threats. He then rounded on Mr Livingstone, declaring forcefully that those who used the issue for personal political advantage would not be forgiven. To the untrained ear, this sounded curiously like a threat.

Craig Brown

Kinnock refuses to exclude Trident

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when the Labour leader uses the phrase 'non-nuclear defence policy' he means the objective of non-nuclear defence. One source said: "What we had in 1987 was a set of means by which we would achieve a non-nuclear defence policy. Those means were appropriate to 1987. Clearly the same means would not be appropriate to 1991."

Labour's sophisticated new strategy, which relies on a fine semantic distinction which may not be appreciated by all the party's supporters, let alone the average voter, has not yet been communicated to all Mr Kinnock's senior colleagues.

In the interview, Mr Kinnock said: "I am not going to preempt this review of policy. What is very clear is that we are going to go through every policy with a toothcomb and find out how we can best achieve our objectives in the terms of appeal and in terms of serving the interests of the nation. That applies to defence as to everything else."

Mr Kinnock's remarks did nothing to remove the confusion surrounding the early manoeuvres on changing the policy. Mr Denzil Davies, the defence spokesman, said yesterday that multilateralism always had been an option and that now there were talks between the Russians and the Americans Britain could play a part. The defence policy review could well result in a decision to put Trident into the talks.

He did not see Labour moving away from a non-nuclear defence policy. "Most people in the Labour party don't want a defence policy based on nuclear weapons." The argument was how they achieved that end.

Interviewed on television, he said: "We can move back again towards international action to get rid of nuclear weapons".

Only the night before, at a Brighton fringe meeting, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, had poured scorn on the idea of Trident being retained.

The Queen rebuffs Colonel Rabuka

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did the Commonwealth Secretariat. Official reactions were deliberately muted in the hope that the colonel may again swing towards compromise.

The main concern was to avoid harming the chances that a meeting set for Monday between Fiji's political parties, the Governor-General and the military might still take place.

It was arranged on Wednesday, when Colonel Rabuka seemed to be wavering.

Dr Bavadra said yesterday that he still expects to be at Monday's meeting. Ratu Ganilau told Britain's High Commissioner, Mr Roger Barltrop, that he intended to be there.

A source close to the Governor-General added that he was avoiding saying or doing anything that might compromise the meeting.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is understood to have delayed cutting off aid to Fiji.

● SUVA: Fiji's constitutional crisis is poised at a critical point following the reversion to confrontation between Colonel Rabuka, and Ratu Ganilau (Stephen Taylor writes).

Ratu Ganilau is again under severe pressure from the military regime, and his status was unclear last night.

Throughout the day the confusion which has been a paramount feature of the crisis deepened. The reason was the latest bewildering somersault by Colonel Rabuka, who stated that he had, after all, revoked the 1970 Constitution.

$3½m gem galvanizes Antwerp trade

From Richard Owen
Brussels

It was, even by the standards of the Antwerp diamond industry, "the big one", as one excited dealer put it. In a small room in Antwerp, one of the world's most magnificent uncut diamonds was sold at an auction yesterday to an American bidder for a record $3,654,000 (£2,280,000).

The deal astonished even the blasé brokers of Antwerp and breathed new life into the port as a centre of the diamond trade.

"Staggering" said one. "A marvellous gem." Trade sources said it would be cut into two or three smaller stones, because "any further cutting would risk detracting from its superb beauty."

Mr Richard Lunzer, director of the Industrial Diamond Company (IDC), which organized the sale, described the stone as "truly breathtaking, flawless."

The gem, an inch-and-a-half across and weighing 143 carats, was the subject of intense bidding. Thirty dealers from around the world took part by tender, with their bids contained in sealed envelopes.

The uncut diamond comes from the former French colony of Guinea, in West Africa. The Aredor mine in Guinea, run by Bridge Oil of Australia, has produced several diamonds of just over 100 carats, including one which went earlier this year for £1 million. But yesterday's was the largest, most beautiful and by far the most expensive.

Antwerp, long a traditional centre of the diamond trade, suffered a severe setback last year when apparently reputable financiers were investigated for tax fraud and unofficial trading. The scandal sent ripples of fear through the highly-sensitive diamond market, and trade fell off.

Yesterday there was relief on Pelican Street, centre of the Antwerp diamond business, that trade was sparkling again. The Diamond High Council, the body which supervises the trade and guards its professional standards, has been quietly restoring confidence.

Prices are at least 10 to 15 per cent up this year – and even higher for the latest Aredor gem, which had been expected to reach $2 million at most.

Soviet drive for reform

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Soviet sources as Mr Gorbachov's personal answer to the rash of domestic and world rumours that his physical or political health had been the reason why he was not seen in public for seven weeks.

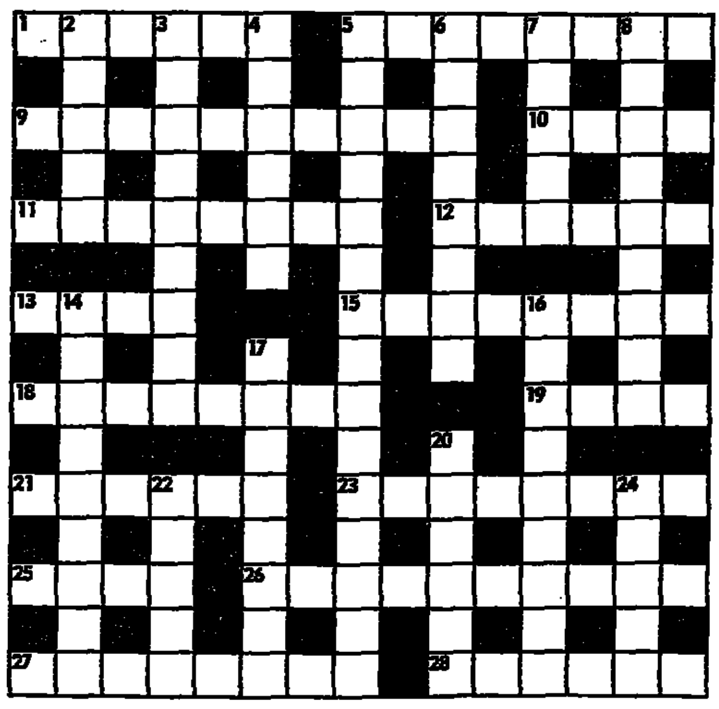
Turning to international matters for the first time since his reappearance on September 24, he proposed that the Warsaw Pact and NATO open immediate consultations on limiting military activity in the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Norwegian Sea and Greenland Sea.

He also made his first public comment on the successful talks in Washington last month designed to secure a pact on eliminating medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles before the end of 1987. "The world is close to a major step in the field of real nuclear disarmament," he said.

Chile arrests

Santiago (AFP) – Chile's paramilitary police arrested more than 100 students protesting against military intervention on university campuses here, eyewitnesses said.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,477



ACROSS
1 Try for instance (6).
5 Terrible, a fuddler when fuddled (8).
9 Polish fish, a nice change (10).
10 Treated as classy, but for Caesar (4).
11 Notes limited, to be precise (8).
12 Where the answers appear to remain fixed (6).
13 See the heads go back (4).
15 One has a dozen of them (8).
18 Pass scored – describes the sound of clapping (8).
19 Freeway travel (4).
21 Run quite a long time after husband (6).
23 Many have separate room in hospital when declining (8).
25 This fruit sounds vile (4).
26 A novelty in the pub – cheers (10).
27 Beastly fellow about to catch this girl (8).
28 Choose to include your little old musician (6).

DOWN
2 Consent to take the same number, say (5).
3 Excused those assigned for duty having to drink up (9).
4 Draw out a direction – not illegal (6).
5 Wait obsequiously, or hop over the gate (5,10).
6 Rising, see about pardon for those in solitary? (8).
7 Money – you need to speak to get some (5).
8 Brought to light – then a rude commotion (9).
14 Angel and harp in trouble with a flying squirrel (9).
16 Alcoholic spirits stimulate another drink (4-5).
17 Stand up to pinch – it improves the looks (4-4).
20 Turn of son to marry (long ago) a student (6).
22 A vehicle contains one of the birds (5).
24 Supporters of the trunk or torso perhaps (5).

Yesterday's puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by all competitors in the 1987 National Final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WEATHER

An unstable southerly airstream will push north over Britain. Today will see the end of the settled spell in many places. All of England and Wales will have a cloudy start, with no fog or frost. There will be patchy and mostly light rain around at first but some heavy and at times thundery rain will spread north to reach the borders in the afternoon. After a cool but bright dawn over Scotland and Northern Ireland, cloud will increase, with occasional rain moving up from the south during the day. In the northern isles sunny intervals and showers can be expected throughout daylight hours. Outlook for the weekend: Unsettled but rather warm.

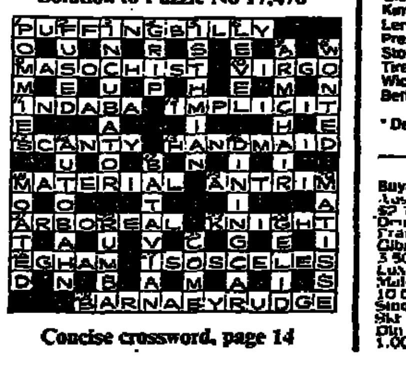
ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	23	73	Majorca	r	19	66
Akrotiri	s	29	84	Malaga	f	25	77
Alex'dria	s	29	84	Malta	r	22	72
Algiers	s	27	81	Melb'rne	f	13	55
Amst'dm	s	15	59	Mexico C*	f	17	63
Athens	c	24	75	Miami*	c	27	81
Bahrain	s	34	93	Milan	f	17	63
Barbads*	f	29	84	Montreal*	f	18	64
Barcelna	c	20	68	Moscow	c	9	48
Belgrade	f	15	59	Munich	s	12	54
Berlin	f	11	52	Nairobi	c	25	77
Bermuda*	f	27	81	Naples	s	20	68
Biarritz	c	16	61	N Delhi	s	33	91
Borde'x	r	15	59	N York*	c	19	66
Brussels	s	15	59	Nice	f	21	70
Budapst	f	14	57	Oslo	s	11	52
B Aires*	f	21	70	Paris	s	17	63
Cairo	s	34	93	Perth	f	26	79
Cape Tn	f	13	55	Prague	f	17	63
C'blanca	s	25	77	Reykjvik	s	9	48
Chicago*	s	17	63	Rhodes	s	31	88
Ch'church	s	15	59	Rio de J	s	30	86
Cologne	s	15	59	Riyadh	s	40	104
C'phagn	s	13	55	Rome	s	23	73
Corfu	f	22	72	Salzburg	s	14	57
Dublin	s	14	57	S F'risco*	f	17	63
Dubrovnik	s	20	68	Santiago*	f	12	54
Faro	s	24	75	S Paulo*	s	31	88
Florence	s	19	66	Seoul	s	25	77
Frankfurt	s	14	57	Sing'por	f	30	86
Funchal	f	25	77	St'kholm	s	12	54
Geneva	s	14	57	Strasb'rg	s	15	59
Gibraltar	f	23	73	Sydney	s	17	63
Helsinki	s	14	57	Tangier	s	26	79
Hong K	r	24	75	Tel aviv	s	30	86
Innsbrck	s	14	57	Tenerife	s	27	81
Istanbul	r	16	61	Tokyo	c	22	72
Jeddah	s	36	97	Toronto*	f	16	61
Jo'burg*	s	18	64	Tunis	f	22	72
Karachi	s	35	95	Valencia	f	25	77
L Palmas	s	26	79	Vanc'ver*	s	18	64
Le Tquet	f	15	59	Venice	s	17	63
Lisbon	f	22	72	Vienna	f	12	54
Locarno	c	15	59	Warsaw	s	10	50

* denotes Wednesday's figures

Solution to Puzzle No 17,476



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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	6.5	-	14	57	bright
Bridlington	7.2	.01	15	59	sunny
Cromer	8.3	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	8.3	.02	15	59	sunny
Clacton	7.8	.04	15	59	sunny
Southend	5.9	.01	15	59	sunny
Margate	-	-	15	59	bright
Folkestone	10.0	-	14	57	sunny
Hastings	8.1	-	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	7.9	-	15	59	sunny
Brighton	7.8	-	16	61	sunny
Worthing	8.2	-	16	61	sunny
Littlehmptn	7.8	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor R	7.9	-	16	61	sunny
Southsea	7.0	-	17	63	sunny
Sandown	7.8	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemth	6.8	-	17	63	bright
Poole	5.4	-	17	63	bright
Swanage	6.6	-	15	59	sunny
Weymouth	5.8	-	17	63	sunny
Exmouth	4.1	.01	16	61	bright
Teignmouth	4.1	.02	16	61	bright
Torquay	4.5	.02	16	61	bright
Falmouth	4.7	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	3.1		15	59	cloudy
Scilly Isles	2.7		16	61	bright
Jersey	8.6		17	63	sunny
Guernsey	9.3		17	63	sunny
Newquay	5.2		15	59	sunny
Ilfracombe	-		17	63	sunny
Minehead	3.8		17	63	bright
B'pool Arpt	1.4		15	59	cloudy
Morecambe	1.2	-	14	57	dull
Douglas	-	-	13	55	cloudy
B'ham Arpt	3.4	.03	15	59	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	4.5	-	16	61	bright
Carlisle	2.6	-	14	57	bright
London	6.0	-	16	61	bright
Manchester	2.9	-	14	57	bright
N'ctl-n-Tyne	3.2	-	13	55	sunny
Nottingham	1.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Anglesey	5.6	-	16	61	bright
Cardiff (Ctrl)	3.2	-	16	61	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	6.4	-	15	59	sunny
Tenby	0.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Aberdeen	3.3	-	12	54	shower
Aviemore	6.2	-	12	54	haze
Edinburgh	4.9	-	15	59	bright
Eskdalemuir	2.9	-	13	55	sunny
Glasgow	3.3	-	15	59	bright
Kinloss	7.2	-	15	59	bright
Lerwick	2.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Prestwick	5.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Stornoway	1.6	-	13	55	dull
Tiree	1.4	-	13	55	rain
Wick	9.6	-	12	54	sunny
Belfast	4.4	-	14	57	cloudy

These are Wednesday's figures
* Denotes figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.11	5.5	10.08	5.8
Aberdeen	9.50	3.5	10.04	3.6
Avonmouth	2.26	9.4	3.16	9.6
Belfast	7.12	2.9	7.38	3.1
Cardiff	2.11	8.8	3.01	9.0
Devonport	12.55	4.2	1.39	4.5
Dover	6.44	5.1	8.00	5.2
Falmouth	12.25	4.0	1.09	4.3
Glasgow	7.57	4.1	8.36	4.1
Harwich	7.01	3.2	8.00	3.3
Holyhead	6.39	4.4	7.08	4.7
Hull	1.28	5.6	2.59	5.7
Ilfracombe	1.24	6.7	2.23	7.0
Leith	11.01	4.5	11.25	4.5
Liverpool	7.11	7.2	7.50	7.6
Lowestoft	4.49	2.1	6.13	2.2
Margate	7.28	3.9	8.30	4.0
Milford Haven	1.43	5.1	2.37	5.3
Newquay	12.43	5.2	1.37	5.4
Oban	2.43	2.7	3.19	3.2
Penzance	12.15	4.2	12.58	4.5
Portland	2.25	1.4	2.59	1.6
Portsmouth	7.32	3.7	8.02	3.7
Shoreham	7.05	4.9	7.49	4.9
Southampton	7.17	3.7	7.40	3.8
Swansea	1.49	7.0	2.47	7.3
Tees	—	—	12.20	4.3
W'lton-on-Nze	7.00	3.3	8.03	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.375	2.255
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	64.50	61.30
Canada $	2.195	2.085
Denmark Kr	11.90	11.30
Finland Mkk	7.50	7.10
France Fr	10.28	9.78
Germany Dm	3.10	2.94
Greece Dr	238	223
Hong Kong $	13.10	12.40
Ireland Pt	1.157	1.097
Italy Lira	2236	2125
Japan Yen	248	236
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.31
Norway Kr	11.35	10.75
Portugal Esc	242	230
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.50
Spain Pta	204.50	194.50
Sweden Kr	10.88	10.33
Switzerland Fr	2.58	2.45
USA $	1.688	1.608
Yugoslavia Dnr	1750	1500

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.1 (September)

London: The *FT* index closed up 7.2 at 1860.9

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed at

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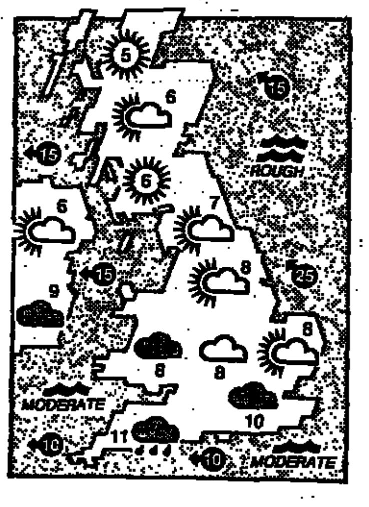

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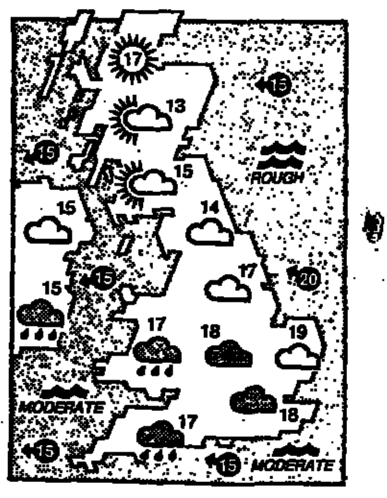


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 7.07 pm to 6.34 am
Bristol 7.17 pm to 6.43 am
Edinburgh 7.17 pm to 6.49 am
Manchester 7.15 pm to 6.43 am
Penzance 7.30 pm to 6.54 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	13	55	Guernsey	s	15	59
B'mgham	f	15	59	Inverness	c	13	55
Blackpool	f	14	57	Jersey	s	17	63
Bristol	s	16	61	London	s	16	61
Cardiff	s	15	59	M'nchster	f	14	57
Edinbrgh	s	13	55	Newcastle	f	13	55
Glasgow	s	15	59	R'nldsway	s	14	57

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.5 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

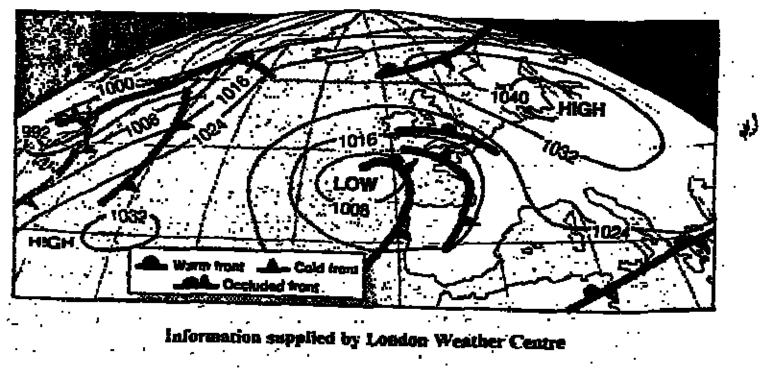
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.4 hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Minehead, Somerset, 17C (63F); lowest day max: St Abb's Head, Borders 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Clacton, Essex, 0.04 in; highest sunshine: Herne Bay, Kent, 10.7 hr.

Sun rises: 7.02 am
Sun sets: 6.37 pm
Moon sets: midnt
Moon rises: 5.11 pm
Full moon October 7

NOON TODAY



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PART 2

THE TIMES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2 1987

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1860.9 (+7.2)

FT-SE 100
2373.8 (+7.8)

Bargains
37996 (35856)

USM (Datastream)
223.03 (+1.3)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6135 (–0.0135)

W German mark
2.9817 (–0.0120)

Trade-weighted
72.8 (–0.3)

USM float sought by Stanhope

Stanhope Properties, the property company involved in the Broadgate project in the City with Rosehaugh, the developer, is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market with a price tag of £200 million.

SG Warburg, the merchant banker, is offering 11.1 million 25p shares, 10 per cent of the company, at a minimum tender price of 180p. No shareholders are selling shares and the cash raised from the new shares, about £17.8 million, will be used to repay Stanhope's borrowings.

HTV increase

HTV Group, the independent television contractor for Wales and the West of England, is raising the final dividend from 5.7p to 6.6p a share, making 9.8p (8.5p) for the year. **Tempus, page 26**

Tomorrow's 12-page *Family Money* examines investment prospects for individuals in the American market. It looks at the life assurance needs of a young couple with children and explains what new unit trust regulations will mean.

Etam at £5m

Etam, the high street fashion chain, reported annual pretax profits to August 15 up from £3.8 million to £5.6 million. Turnover grew 38 per cent to £49.6 million. An interim dividend of 1.55p (1.3p) was declared.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2621.25 (+24.97)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	25721.74 (–289.14)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3949.73 (+6.09)
Amsterdam: Gen	n/a
Sydney: AO	2218.6 (–29.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1986.4 (+22.2)
Brussels:	
General	5113.2 (–15.3)
Paris: CAC	407.7 (–2.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen	631.4 (+8.8)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	1214.97 (+6.08)
FT.– "500"	1330.66 (+6.81)
FT. Gold Mines	444.9 (–8.2)
FT. Fixed interest	91.84 (+0.23)
FT. Govt Secs	85.72 (+0.17)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Sanderson Murray	228p (+43p)
S&W Berisford	426p (+77p)
AB Foods	370p (+27p)
Britannic Assur.	1270p (+20p)
Wade Potteries	288p (+60p)
Etam	326p (+10p)
Reed Intnl.	609p (+15p)
Underwoods	219p (+20p)
Alex Workwear	264p (+20p)
Campari	292p (+20p)
Wm Bedford	218p (+22p)
Calor	552p (+52p)
Ultramar	301p (+22p)
Appledore	504p (+34p)
Barclays	613p (+15p)
WPP Group	845p (+22p)
Whittington Eng.	392p (+17p)
FALLS:	
HTV	379p (–12p)
Sintrom	130p (–15p)
Cons. Gold	1395p (–10p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 10¼-10$\frac{3}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 9⅝-9$\frac{21}{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 7¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.59-6.57%*
30-year bonds 91$\frac{5}{32}$-91$\frac{7}{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6135	£: $1.6170*
£: DM2.9817	$: DM1.8465*
£: SwFr2.4848	$: SwFr1.5390*
£: FFr9.9125	$: FFr6.1505*
£: Yen237.18	$: Yen146.90*
£: Index:72.8	$: Index:102.4
ECU £0.694374	SDR £0.786675

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $454.10 pm-$454.90
close $454.75-455.25 (£281.25-281.75)
New York:
Comex $452.60-453.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) pm$18.60 bbl ($18.63)
* Denotes latest trading price

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System X among telecom businesses merged

£1.4bn GEC-Plessey link

By Derek Harris and Edward Townsend

General Electric Company and Plessey, the leading British electronics concerns, are to merge their telecommunications businesses in a new, jointly-owned venture which will have sales in excess of £1.4 billion. It means notably the merging of their System X telephone exchange businesses.

It comes just over a year after GEC's £1.2 million bid for Plessey was blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The main rationale for the bid was to combine the two telecommunications businesses to cut costs and boost revenues for the development of the new-style digital exchanges and improvements to System X.

Subsequent attempts to bring the two businesses together had, until now, failed.

The announcement of the joint venture said that agreement had been reached subject to detailed negotiations. It will combine the two companies' world-wide telecommunications businesses, covering public switching, transmission, private switching and other telecommunications and data products. The new venture will have assets of about £600 million.

There had been "extensive exploratory negotiations focused on enhancing the international competitiveness of the British telecommunications industry," the announcement said.

It was being maintained last night that there would be a true fifty-fifty contribution in the new venture. Plessey will contribute more profits but GEC will put in more in the way of sales and assets.

Each company is expected to have an equal number of directors on the board of the new venture. No decision on the chairmanship has been made.

Sir John Clark, chairman of Plessey, clearly sees it as offering the company more freedom to develop its core activities of microelectronics and defence businesses. It increases the chances of Plessey seeking a significant acquisition, probably in north America where it was recently blocked in an attempt to take over Harris Corporation, the electronics manufacturer.

For Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, it is another move aimed at the revitalization of GEC. A recent series of deals has included a merging of the GEC medical electronics business with that of Holland's Philips. Now more seem likely.

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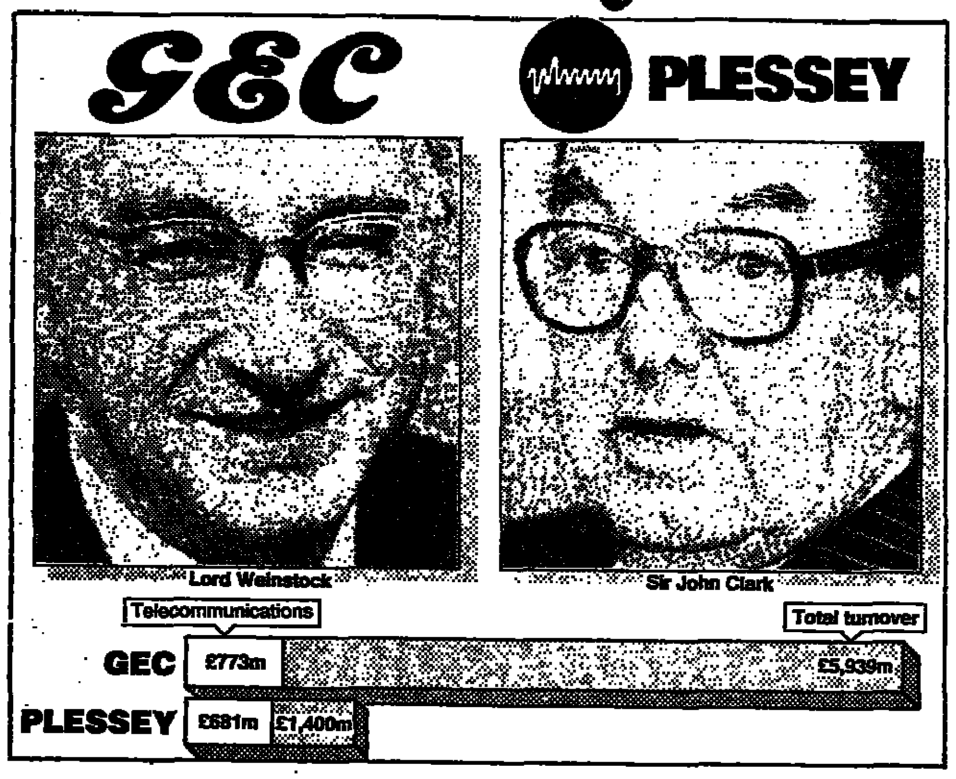
Mr Graham Meek, an analyst with Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, said the marriage was long expected and a little overdue. "It is slightly more comprehensive than we would have expected in that it does not just cover System X — which is a positive move. Further to that, there is relief that they have finally come up with something. It has long been evident both to outsiders and to the managements of GEC and Plessey that two manufacturers of public telephone switching equipment is too many."

But he added: "Internationally there remain too many manufacturers of telephone switching equipment. I think that over the next five, six, seven years there will be further rationalization and more mergers of this kind."

Analysts said that while the news of the tie-up had been to a large extent discounted, the market was likely to respond warmly to the news.



Lord Weinstock

Sir John Clark

Previous takeover blocked

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government blocked the GEC attempt to buy Plessey for £1.2 billion in August last year after the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Paul Channon, accepted a Monopolies and Mergers Commission majority recommendation — five votes to one — against the bid.

The decision was made mainly on the grounds that a merger would reduce competition in the British defence electronics market.

The report concluded that the two companies should rationalize their overlapping facilities for manufacturing System X digital telephone exchange equipment.

The one member of the MMC who was against rejection of the merger proposals was Mr Colin Baillieu.

At the time of the rejection the decision was seen as a victory for Plessey in its efforts to retain an independent foothold in the defence electronics market, but both companies also said at the time that they would be prepared to take over the other's System X facilities.

The report into the proposed full merger between the two companies said the telecoms market was worth about a total of £1.6 billion a year with the two companies taking almost half of it and also accounting for about 25,000 of the 45,000 workers.

It backed a merger between the two companies' interests in System X, but said that cost pressures on the two companies would probably eventually bring this about.

As far as other telecommunications equipment made by the two companies, such as copper and optical fibre cables, multiplex equipment was concerned it would result in a reduction in competition.

On building private exchanges, PABXs, a merger would have given the two companies about 60 per cent of the market. With telephone manufacturing a merger would give the companies 35 per cent of the market.

AB Foods in £767m offer for Berisford

By Alison Eadie

Associated British Foods, the cash-rich food manufacturer, yesterday launched a £767 million cash bid for S&W Berisford, the commodity trader and owner of British Sugar. ABF already has a 23.7 per cent stake in Berisford, acquired in May from Ferruzzi, the Italian agribusiness conglomerate.

Berisford dismissed the offer as unwelcome. Mr Ephraim Margulies, the chairman, said the offer did not begin to reflect the strengths and prospects of Berisford. He said it was an "opportunistic attempt to exploit a minority stake acquired from previously unsuccessful bidders, and to try to buy Berisford on the cheap."

Mr Gary Weston, chairman of ABF, said the decision to bid came after Tate & Lyle last month sold its 14.9 per cent stake in Berisford to interests friendly to the board. ABF had been having discussions with Tate to try and buy the stake, but Tate tried to attach "unacceptable conditions which would have curtailed our freedom to manage the assets," Mr Weston said.

The Tate stake went 75 per cent to the Chicago-based Pritzker family and 25 per cent to Berisford directors. A total of 20 per cent of Berisford's shares are now held by Berisford directors or associates. Coincidentally, the brothers Mr Jay and Mr Robert Pritzker joined the board of Berisford yesterday.

ABF's primary interest is in the sugar and food processing parts of Berisford. The company said the cash absorbing non-food operations had little contribution to make to the food division's activities or management, implying that they would probably be sold off.

The terms of the offer are 400p cash per share or a loan note alternative. ABF has ready cash of around £600 million and a total cash pile, including its 15 per cent stake in Dee Corporation, of more than £1 billion. Its 23.7 per cent stake was acquired for 293p per share.

City reaction to the bid was mixed. Some analysts said 400p was a fair price for Berisford, but others said it would need to be raised to at least 450p to be successful.

Berisford shares rose 76p to 425p, indicating that a higher offer was expected. ABF's shares also shot up 27p to 370p, on relief that the company was trying to do something with its cash mountain, and in the belief that the price could go higher without causing any dilution of ABF earnings.

Earlier this year rival bids by Tate & Lyle for Berisford and by Ferruzzi for British Sugar were blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, because of the combined sugar interests of either grouping. ABF does not have any sugar interests and Mr Weston said he hoped the Government and British farmers would welcome ABF's offer. ABF had talks with the Office of Fair Trading when it took its 23.7 per cent stake.

Berisford's pretax profits are expected to reach around £85 million in the year just ended on September 30, compared with £54.3 million the previous year. Interim pretax profits were £42.7 million against £40.3 million. British Sugar is expected to have had a record year, making some £73 million pretax compared with £60 million in 1985-86.

Pearson and News in talks

By Michael Tate

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, and Lord Blakenham, chairman of Pearson, yesterday had a 90-minute lunch meeting at Millbank Tower, Pearson's Thames-side headquarters, after the acquisition by The News Corporation of 14.7 per cent of Pearson shares.

Pearson owns the *Financial Times* and a string of other interests, ranging from fine china to merchant banking. The News Corporation, through its British subsidiary News International, owns five national newspapers, including *The Times*.

Mr Murdoch said after the meeting that the two men had "agreed to stay in touch."

Lord Blakenham said that "no concrete proposals for mutual co-operation" had been put forward by Mr Murdoch, although he added that Pearson "stands ready to consider favourably any commercial initiatives that would be in all its shareholders' interests."

He told Mr Murdoch that "new large shareholdings are unwelcome." He said Pearson did not want to be "too closely identified with any one company as a shareholder."

Mr Murdoch, however, stressed again that he had "neither the desire nor the intention" to seek control of Pearson.

Mr Murdoch told Lord Blakenham that his investment was intended to be "a long-term one," and that he "hoped to be supportive of the management and the company as a whole."

The News Corporation is now the largest single shareholder in Pearson after Broadminster Nominees, the Pearson family company, which speaks for 15.5 per cent.

Burmah expected to bid for Calor

By Carol Ferguson

A bid approach for the Calor Group moved closer to reality yesterday after an announcement that two of its leading shareholders, Burmah Oil and SHV Holdings NV, were in discussions that could lead to a joint bid.

Burmah, which owns 24 per cent of Calor, and SHV, which has 29.9 per cent, are considering making an approach to Calor which "could lead to a joint offer at a modest premium" over yesterday's opening price of 500p.

Burmah observed yesterday that Calor's share price had been moving ahead fairly rapidly although the announcement only served to push it higher. It jumped 50p on the announcement to 550p.

SHV, a Dutch private company with several significant investments in several European liquefied petroleum gas companies, is represented on Calor's board by Mr Paul van Vlissingen, SHV chief executive.

Mr David Mitchell, Calor chief executive, last night said, however, that he had not been a party to the discussions. "We are in the dark until we see the colour of their offer," he added. "But I imagine we won't have too long to wait".

When asked if he would have preferred to have been advised in advance that an announcement was going to be made, Mr Mitchell said: "Sometimes these things happen. I have considerable in faith in SHV not to do anything harmful or dishonourable.

"They have always behaved in a straightforward way. We still regard tham as loyal supporters of the company and their position on the board means that they could not act in a harmful way" he said. **Tempus, page 26**

Lawson's plan will need time

By David Smith and Rodney Lord

The Chancellor's plans to shift to a permanent system of managed exchange rates will not involve published currency bands for at least a year, and do not change the Government's attitude towards the European Monetary System.

Treasury officials said yesterday that Mr Nigel Lawson, now back in London from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings, regards the move to a more formal regime for managed floating as a long-term aim. The earliest date at which the Group of Seven finance ministers could agree on published ranges for the key currencies is seen as a year from now.

In Washington, US Treasury officials refused to elaborate on the proposals from Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, on using a basket of commodities, including gold, in exchange rate policy.

The dollar yesterday continued to benefit from the Group of Seven's reaffirmation of dollar stability. It rose from DM1.84 to DM1.8480 and from Y146.35 to Y147. Sterling ran into mild selling pressure, falling by 1.35 cents

Hill Samuel suspends shares

By Cliff Feltham

Hill Samuel, one of the country's leading merchant banks, unexpectedly suspended dealing in its shares yesterday pending an announcement.

There were strong stock market rumours that a takeover bid is likely from the £2 billion TSB Group.

Hill Samuel — which is in the throes of considerable upheavel — refused to comment on reasons for the share suspension.

But it was understood the bank was close to making an announcement concerning its future and became concerned at the sudden sharp rise in its shares yesterday morning.

They opened at 680p but quickly swept up to 720p before dealings were halted at 705p. At this price the group is valued at £650 million.

The cash-rich TSB would not comment on reports linking it with Hill Samuel. But the TSB has been keen to expand swiftly into the financial services sector and analysts were enthusiastic about a get-together

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One said: "It would make a good fit with the TSB. The bid would have to be around £8 a share." This would put a pricetag of £736 million on the bank. There was no reaction last night from Australian FAI Insurance, run by Mr Larry Adler, which owns a crucial 14.7 per cent shareholding in Hill Samuel.

Earlier this year merger talks between Hill Samuel and the Union Bank of Switzerland broke down. Then the arrival of new chief executive Mr David Davies was swiftly followed by the dismissal of Mr Trevor Swete, the corporate finance head, and Mr Christopher Roshier, his deputy, after allegations that they were negotiating the sale of their department.

Hill Samuel was then involved in takeover talks with the advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi but these were broken off.

Banking experts believe that if Hill Samuel is once again in bid talks — as the share suspension suggests — this will probably involve the sale of the stockbroking arm, Wood Mackenzie.

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£7m advertising drive to boost share flotation

Eurotunnel campaign perks up

By Joe Joseph

Private investors who take part in next month's £750 million share sale by Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium building the Channel tunnel, will receive travel-related perks — but they may have to put up a minimum of £500 for a stake in the company, rather more than in the Government's recent share issues.

A £7 million advertising campaign to publicize the flotation, which is the final and crucial chapter of Eurotunnel's fundraising for the £4.7 billion rail tunnel, begins today in the press and on television. Posters will follow, and there will be a Eurotunnel Share Information Office to deal with inquiries.

The £5 billion in bank loans and standby credits which Eurotunnel has raised to cover construction costs depends on the share offering being a success.

The pathfinder prospectus will not be issued until early next month, with the final prospectus following in mid-November. Details have yet to be finalized, but it is believed the shares are likely to be priced at around £3.40 to £3.50 each. They will be units listed in both London and Paris, and will consist of one share in Eurotunnel plc, an English company, and one share in Eurotunnel SA, a French company.

This is the price suggested by details of last year's share placing, when an initial £250 million of equity was raised from institutional backers.

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'The keystone': Eurotunnel's Morton

The price could be less if stock market conditions seem jittery, more if the issue appears to have tapped stronger demand than anticipated. The price must be paid in full, since partly paid shares cannot be listed on the Paris Bourse.

Only £300 million is being raised in Britain. A similar amount is being offered to French investors and the balance will be placed with Japanese, American and other European buyers.

The offer will close by the end of November, barely a month before work is due to begin on the English side of the Channel. But Eurotunnel is planning to underwrite the issue, effectively erasing any doubts that the project, which has been gathering dust on the drawing board for two centuries, will go ahead.

Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's co-chairman, said: "The share offer is the keystone on which everything else depends. No keystone, no arch, no building. One has the feeling of arriving on the last lap of the course. We've a lot still to do, but I believe we will get there and arrive in style."

The minimum investment has been pitched above those in the Government's recent privatization issues, partly to create a more manageable share register, but also to make it possible to give worthwhile perks to those who succeed.

The nature of these perks will be revealed later this month. They will be available only to those who buy shares now and keep them until May 1993, when the first traffic is due to roll through the twin-bore tunnel. The perks will not be transferable when the shares are sold.

Unlike recent privatization issues, it will not be illegal to make multiple applications for Eurotunnel's shares.

●*For an information pack on Eurotunnel and to reserve a prospectus, contact the Eurotunnel Share Information Office, Telephone 0272 277 007, or write to PO Box 501 Bristol, BS99 1ET*

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Audit reduces profits at Sound Diffusion

Shares in Sound Diffusion, the electrical equipment group, fell 6p to 50p as it published its audited full-year figures for 1986, showing pretax profits about £4 million less than the unaudited figures published in June. The company has been locked in a protracted dispute with its accountant Ernst & Whinney over the treatment of leasing profits and has appointed Arthur Young as its new accountant.

The audited results show turnover of £40.5 million (£36.2 million) and pretax profits of £5.6 million (£5.8 million). The company is paying a final year dividend of 0.6p (0.5p).

Hogg reaches Lloyd accord

Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain, the Lloyd's insurance broker, has reached an agreement with the rival broker, Lloyd Thompson, to stop 17 members of Hogg's political risks department joining Lloyd Thompson. It is thought about five employees will join Lloyd Thompson although they will not take any of Hogg's business with them. Hogg had earlier said the team was not a top business producer.

Dowding rises 35%

Dowding & Mills, the electrical and mechanical engineer, made pretax profits in the year to the end of June of £5.6 million, a rise of 35 per cent on turnover 60 per cent higher at £45.6 million. Dowding made three acquisitions last year which boosted profits and turnover. It said this financial year had started well with improvements in all sectors. The total dividend was raised to 1.76p from 1.58p.

£637,000 for Doeflex

Doeflex, the plastic products company which obtained a full listing in April, made pretax profits of £637,000 in the half year to the end of June, up from £478,000 in the previous first half. Turnover rose to £10 million from £6 million. Doeflex said it experienced increased costs and some dislocation as a result of expansion, but that 1987 was still expected to be another very satisfactory year.

Interest costs more than doubled owing to important investment programmes and financing costs incurred by the new distribution division. Demand in most areas is strong, Doeflex said, so that current investments should ensure a useful improvement in the level of activity from 1988 onwards.

Scott's suffers £972,000 loss

Scott's Restaurant, the listed restaurant operator, is recovering from a dismal year. Results to end-December show the group dipped from a profit of £349,000 to a pretax loss of £972,000, on turnover up from £6.7 million to £12.2 million. The group had difficulties absorbing the acquisition of Connaught Restaurants and felt the brunt of the fall in visitors to London. It is taking action to reduce borrowings.

Galliford up to £4.6m

Galliford, the civil engineering and housebuilding group, raised pretax profits from £3.1 million to £4.6 million last year. Turnover went up from £107.9 million to £123.6 million. The total dividend is going up from 4.8p to 5.35p. The company says that the reshaping which has taken place over the last year has reduced its dependence on the public sector. The shares were 1p easier at 174p.

German output leaps

West Germany's industrial output surged by 4.6 per cent in August, figures released yesterday in Bonn showed. The sharp rise, while exaggerated by changes in the timing of holidays, suggests the economy has embarked on a stronger performance. It followed a 1 per cent fall in July. For July and August together, production was up by 0.5 per cent on the May-June period. August output was 2.3 per cent higher than a year earlier.

The recovery, matched by a recent pick-up in Japan, suggests industry in both countries has learned to live with currencies at higher levels against the dollar. West German growth is officially forecast at 2 per cent this year, but most private forecasters expect between 1 and 1.5 per cent.

STOCK MARKET

Morgan Grenfell jumps to peak on bid speculation

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Shares of **Morgan Grenfell** were back in the spotlight yesterday after being chased to a new all-time high by investors convinced that a bid for the City's best known merchant bank was just around the corner.

The price closed 29p up at 588p after reports overnight from the bond market that Australian businessman Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources is poised to raise A$1 billion by way of a double Eurobond convertible issue.

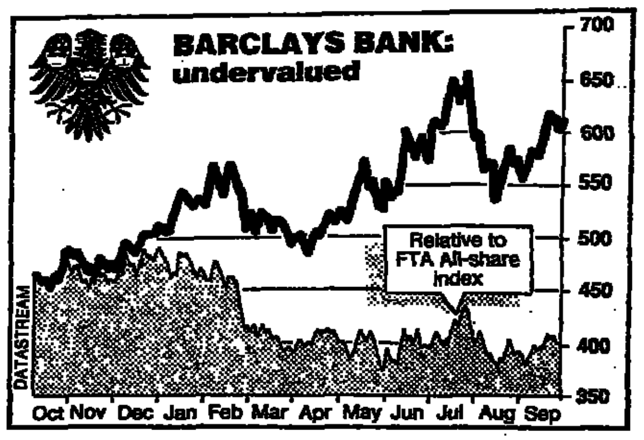
Dealers are convinced that he will use the money to make a bid for Morgan Grenfell, where he already owns a 5 per cent stake, through Dewey Warren, the Lloyd's insurance broker. But first he might have to win over **Willis Faber**, a rival insurance broker, which also holds a crucial 20 per cent stake in Morgan Grenfell. Dealers are not ruling out the possibility of him making a full bid for Willis Faber before turning his attention on Morgan Grenfell.

Shares of Willis Faber were a firm market in late trading on Wednesday and advanced by another 20p yesterday to close at 430p – making a two-day rise of 50p. Willis Faber is currently in merger talks with rival **Stewart Wrightson**, 18p dearer at 618p.

Morgan Grenfell was floated on the market last year at 500p a share but saw its share price fall to a low of 360p earlier this year after becoming embroiled in the Guinness investigation which resulted in several of the bank's top people resigning.

But the spotlight was also focused on some of the other banks in the sector, no doubt prompted by the surprise suspension of shares of **Hill Samuel** at 705p pending an announcement. Last night dealers were bracing themselves for an agreed bid from the **Trustee Savings Bank**, still flushed with cash following last year's flotation. A few weeks ago, merger talks between Hill Samuel and the Union Bank of Switzerland were broken off. There has been talk recently that Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broking arm of Barclays Bank, was interested in buying certain parts of the business. TSB firmed 2p to 139.5p

Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale, also favoured as a potential bid target, rose 17p to 584p. The shares have been a flat market following some disappointing trading news, accompanied by a £145 million rights issue last month.



The rest of the equity market shrugged off recent dullness to score more sizeable gains, encouraged by a strong overnight performance on Wall Street and the Chancellor's comments on a coordinated currency structure. It was also the first day of the fourth quarter for the big pension funds. They have been mainly to blame for the low levels of turnover in recent days as they attempted to balance their books. Now they are free to add to their portfolios, turnover shows signs of picking-up.

● ICI sported a 10p rise at £16.13 on turnover of almost 3 million shares. Later today, Mr Denys Henderson, the chairman, is addressing a number of Japanese brokers and fund managers in Tokyo. Brokers in London reckon it could be the prelude to ICI applying for a full listing in Japan.

The FT 30 share index closed below its best levels 7.2 up at 1,860.9, while the FT-SE 100 share indexrose 7.8 at 2,373.8.

Government securities reflected a weaker pound, closing with losses at the longer end stretching to £¼.

Alba, the consumer electronics company, made an impressive start in the main market. The shares, placed at 130p by Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, opened at 150p and improved steadily to close at 162p, for a premium of 32p.

Shares of **Racal Electronics** were again on fund managers' shopping lists and they improved 5p more to 343p with over 5 million changing hands.

Interest in the company has been stimulated by the planned flotation of an American cellular radio business of US West. This has thrown the spotlight on Racal which has led the way in mobile telephones with its Vodafone subsidiary.

Shares of electrical leaders **GEC** and **Plessey** closed 8p higher at 234p and 2p better at 224p respectively following news of the agreement to combine their world-wide telecommunications business in a 50-50 joint venture. The new company will have sales in excess of £1.2 billion and assets of about £600 million.

Barclays Bank led the big, four clearers higher, helped by a strong "buy" recommendation from County NatWest, the broking arm of the NatWest Bank. Mr John Aitken, a banking analyst at County, says the shares are badly undervalued. He points out that Barclays has underperformed the rest of the market by 30 per cent during the past 15 months. He said: "Its performance has been abysmal, but, frankly, is looking oversold."

Mr Aitken admits that Barclays has lost some of its edge in recent years but can find little to justify the harsh treatment given to the shares by investors. **Midland Bank** and **NatWest** have both shook the market with massive rights issues and hefty loan losses at **Lloyds Bank** took their toll on sentiment. Barclays managed to avoid both those courses of action but this failed to protect the share price.

● News of ASDA-MFI's proposed sale of its MFI and Allied Carpets subsidiaries is expected soon. The share price rose 7p to 211p on turnover of 16 million shares. Dealers claim proceeds from the sale could be much higher than envisaged. A figure of almost £700 million has been mentioned.

Mr Aitken sees plenty of scope for improvement and estimates that the price should be trading about 20 per cent higher. Barclays closed below its best levels of the day with a rise of 12p at 610p. Some dealers claim that the next stop is 700p.

Among the other clearers, Lloyds firmed 5p to 373p, Midland 10p to 548p and NatWest 4p to 759p.

FH Tomkins, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate headed by Mr Greg Hutchins, rose by 10p to 314p. The word is that the group is hoping to change its image. Many fund managers still think Tomkins's growth prospects are based on an aggressive acquisition programme. The group is soon expected to embark on a US roadshow, aimed at drumming up support for the shares over there.

Shares of **Calor**, the bottled gas group, recently floated off from the dismembered IC Gas, soared by 52p, making a two-day advance of 81p, to a peak of 552p.

This followed the news that **Burmah Oil** and SHV Holdings, the privately-owned Dutch energy and retailing concern, which own 2.4 per cent and 29.8 per cent respectively of Calor's shares, are thinking of making a joint offer for the group at a modest premium to 500p.

Burmah finished 6p higher at 583p.

Still in the oils sector, the Calor developments sparked off renewed takeover speculation in **Ultramar**, the oil group in which Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, holds a near-13 per cent stake. The shares jumped by 24p to 303p with dealers saying that Mr Brierley could be busy adding to his shareholding prior to launching a full bid.

S&W Berisford, the food, commodities and financial services group, soared by 75p to 425p as a bid for the company finally materialized in the shape of a 400p-a-share offer from **AB Foods**, the group headed by Mr Garry Weston.

S&W Berisford quickly rose above ABF's bid terms as the board rejected the offer as "totally unsolicited and unwelcome." Dealers were also hoping for a possible counter-bid for the company from Chicago's wealthy Pritzker family.

Shares of **Trusthouse Forte**, the hotel and leisure group, again attracted a sizeable speculative interest before closing 1p dearer at 271p.

Another 9.5 million shares changed hands yesterday – 16 million were traded on Wednesday.

TEMPUS

HTV clears the screens

As long as HTV Group, now armed with a handsome £10 million pile of cash, does not do something silly, the shares have a fair chance of being rerated.

After being hindered by a higher exchequer levy (£5.18 million against £1.19 million), but somewhat comforted by a much reduced loss from the now sold Dataday division (losses down from £1.58 million to a final exit loss of £230,000), pretax profit for the year ended July 31 turned out at £11.9 million against £9 million. Of that increase, £1 million came from interest on the fatter cash pile.

Market share slipped from 6.49 per cent to 6.45 per cent, but economic life in Wales and the Avon areas is picking up, so market share should improve, and the current year has started well.

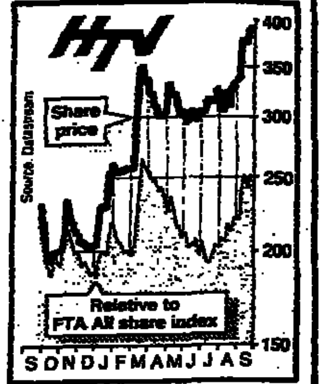
There should be investment relief that HTV withdrew from the loss-making stationery activities without too much egg on its face after writing back £2.53 million of the previous year's £4.25 million extraordinary provision. And some comfort in promises that if new areas are to be approached, then it will only be with management expertise. Meanwhile, the fine art division continues to bring in some useful pennies.

Group advertising revenue within the core television division rose from £71.2 million to £81.6 million, but the changes within the levy system shaved overseas programme sales by more than half – down from £7.3 million to £2.75 million.

HTV has a number of television productions in hand, which in time could make useful profit contributions and swell overseas sales again, and pretax profits could challenge the £14.5 million area this year.

The industry is cyclical, but latest advertising revenue figures suggest that those in the game can still smile. So the shares, on 8.6 times earnings at 379p yesterday, down 12p, are worth a thought while the p/e ratio is below 10.

A positive decision to enfranchise the non-voting shares, which is still under examination, would help.



Burmah

If the market did not anticipate Burmah's interest in Calor, it is only because SHV Holding's strategic stake would seem to preclude a bid.

For Calor is the obvious choice as it is virtually the only other company in the sector which is similar to Burmah, while its British earnings will solve Burmah's unrelieved Advance Corporation Tax at a stroke.

However, a bid will open up some other intriguing possibilities for two independent oil companies. Premier Consolidated and Carless, Capel and Leonard.

Burmah owns 25 per cent of Premier. Selling it would raise some £60 million or so, which could help to pay for Calor. Alternatively, Burmah may decide to place Calor's oil interests, a 58 per cent share in Century Power & Light, into Premier, expanding its role as Burmah's exploration and production associate.

But Carless, Capel and Leonard, which owns the other 42 per cent of Century, would dearly love to get its hands on the rest.

The current share price implies a multiple of 15.7 times' March, 1987 earnings, which is hardly expensive when the fiscal advantages to Burmah of ACT relief are taken into account.

Burmah/SHV are unlikely to get away with a bid of anything less than 600p – £6 a share – and they may even have to bid more. A "modest premium" in their case could be well above 100p.

Value in Etam

Etam is wondering what other high-street retailers are crying about. Its strong first-half trading experience has carried on into the second half, and is showing no signs of weakening.

The 46 per cent pretax profits increase was achieved despite a small loss from SNOB and Peter Brown, acquired in May.

Retailing is notoriously volatile but, all else being equal, Etam should put up an equally impressive performance for the year.

This will make up for the disappointment of negligible profits advance in 1986-87, after a period of otherwise steady growth.

Etam has clearly identified its customer base at the middle to bottom end of the market, where value for money is a crucial consideration.

Marketing techniques such as frequently changing the merchandise give Etam an edge on the competition. Tight management and efficient operating systems also keep profitability ahead.

The SNOB womenswear chain bridges the gap between the girlswear operation, Tammy, and the 20-25 age group served by Etam. An additional 12 outlets will be added this year, taking the total square footage up to 490,000 from 184 stores. There is scope to add at least another 50 Etam outlets.

Peter Brown takes Etam into menswear for the first time, and will be repositioned to provide a consort to Etam.

The shares should hold their well-deserved premium rating.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000
Abbey	2,695
Alld-Lyons	880
Amstrad	3,214
ASDA	16,329
AB Foods	1,908
Argyll	4,314
BAA	4,177
BET	1,364
BTR	2,786
BAT	2,189
Barclays	3,075
Bass	437
Beecham	2,760
Beazer	1,059
BICC	707
Blue Circle	1,464
BOC	395
Boots	1,975
BPB	3,814
Br Aero	1,078
Br Airways	3,078
Br Comm	470
Br Gas	7,358
Br Petrol	5,113
BPCC	250
Br Telecm	10,073
Britoil	2,291
Bunzl	1,296
Burmah	1,656
Burton	2,026
C&W	3,077
Cadbury	3,125
Coats	751
CU	5,339
Cons Gold	490
Cookson	919
Courtaulds	752
Dalgety	1,894
Dee	5,993
Dixons	1,479
ECC	1,774
Enterprise	837
Ferranti	15,310
Fisons	6,256
Gen Acc	434
GEC	13,725
Glaxo	2,362
Globe	783
Granada	1,919
Grand Met	3,106
GUS 'A'	862
GRE	162
GKN	236
Guinness	13,040
Hamm 'A'	439
Hanson	5,935
Hawker	563
Hawley	2,150
Hillsdown	739
IMI	874
ICI	2,865
Jaguar	185
Lasmo	1,970
Ladbroke	628
Land Sec	85
Laporte	360
L&G	1,131
Lloyds	1,950
Lonrho	3,034
Lucas	544
Magnet	3,789
M&S	8,655
MEPC	419
Metal Box	5,292
Midland	4,664
NatWest	1,327
Next	1,831
Nth Food	958
P&O	511
Pearl	3,081
Pearson	821
Pilkington	11,758
Plessey	3,124
Prudential	208
Racal	5,526
Rk Hovs	1,531
Rank	854
R&C	91
Redland	563
Reed	2,817
Reuters	297
RMC Gp	484
RTZ	453
R-Royce	12,517
Rothmn 'B'	1,489
Rowntree	980
Royal Bank	1,200
Royal Ins	2,837
Saatchi	872
Sainsbury	842
Scot & N	4,277
Sears	5,546
Sedgwick	1,577
Shell	817
Smith & N	1,276
STC	1,970
Stan Chart	224
Storehse	7,515
Sun Allnce	270
T & N	574
Tarmac	1,599
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Econ Forestry	120 +2
Glamar Gp	238
Grampian	308
Guidehouse	120 +5
Kentish Prop (185p)	256 +16
Kingsgrange (140p)	200 +2
Kingston Oil (100p)	130
Knobs Knockers	145
Lancaster (165p)	218 +2
March Group	182
Marcol Group	121
Pickwick	217
Premark Intl	£17⅝
Richards	99
Rolls-Royce (170p)	211 +5½
Ross Consumer (165p)	230
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AB Elect N/P	127 −1
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Bowthorpe N/P	34 +7
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Optical&Med N/P	26 −1
Siebe N/P	51 −1
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Rivlin moves up to £2.18m

Rivlin, the former textiles and kitchen supply company turned into a property group by Mr Martin Landau, reported interim pretax profits of £2.18 million against a loss of £321,000 previously, with earnings per share rising from 0.73p to 2.16p. The USM company, which in June expanded with a £28 million agreed bid for Mayfair & City Properties, is paying a halfway dividend of 0.35p.

Treifus progress

Treifus is paying an interim dividend of 0.5p (nil) for the half-year to June 30. Turnover reached £12.83 million (£11.81 million), while pretax profit rose to £535,000 (£443,000). Earnings per share were 3.39p (2.14p).

City & Foreign

City & Foreign Holdings is paying an interim dividend of 2.92p for the first half of this year. Turnover was £4.23 million (nil) and pretax profit £460,000 (£153,000). Earnings per share were 4.90p (2.41p). These figures have been prepared on the basis of the companies that were owned by the company at June 30 last and incorporate the results of Linguarama for the five months ended June 30. The board says the results presented bear no relation to those which may be expected for a full year.

Santander issue

Banco de Santander is making a rights issue of 9.46 million shares to raise £166 million. The new shares will be issued on a one-for-ten basis at 3,500 pesetas each.

Toye higher

Toye and Co reports a pretax profit of £256,000 (£241,400) for the six months to June 30. Sales reached £4.07 million (£3.63 million) and earnings per share 6.7p (6.5p).

Lawtex slips

Pretax profit of Lawtex slipped to £301,506, against £334,067, in the year to June 27 after an exceptional debit of £170,507 (nil). Turnover contracted from £20.5 million to £19.56 million. This year there is an extraordinary profit, less tax, of £518,277 (nil), which means that the profit attributable has more than doubled to £788,650 (£300,586). The total dividend is being held at 2p. Earnings per share were 6.8p (7.5p).

Sandvik expands

Agreements have been finalized whereby Sandvik Hard Materials will acquire two cemented-carbide companies – Danit in Denmark and Carboloy in Britain. This will result in an increase of SHM's turnover by close to 50 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 21	October 2	December 17	January 4

Call options were taken out on: 1/10/87 Ibstock Johnson, Land Secs., Astra Holdings, Astra Trusts, Christy Hunt, Dominion Int., Ferguson Ind., System Designers, Ossery, Greene King, Sound Diffusion, Norfolk Capital, Burton, Abaco, Turner & Newall, Atlantic Computers, BOM's, Common Bros., Amber Day, Trusthouse Forte, Dee Corp., England J., Marling Ind., Storehouse.
Puts: Dinkie Heel, Britannia Secs., Pavion.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9½ Low 9
Week fixed: 9¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying 2 mnth 9⅞-9¾ Selling 2 mnth 9¾-9⅝
3 mnth 9⅞-9¾ 3 mnth 9¾-9⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9⅞-9²⁹⁄₃₂ 2 mnth 9¾-9²⁷⁄₃₂
3 mnth 9⅞-9²⁷⁄₃₂ 6 mnth 9⅞-9²⁷⁄₃₂

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10½ 2 mnth 10½
3 mnth 10½ 6 mnth 10½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10¼ close 9¾
1 week 10⅛-10 6 mnth 10¹⁵⁄₃₂-10¹³⁄₃₂
1 mnth 10⅛-10 9 mnth 10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆
3 mnth 10¼-10³⁄₁₆ 12 mth 10⅝-10½

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9¾ 7 days 11
1 mnth 9¾ 3 mnth 10
6 mnth 10⅛ 12 mth 10¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10-9¾ 2 mnth 10¹⁄₁₆-9¹³⁄₁₆
3 mnth 10³⁄₁₆-9¹⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 10⁷⁄₁₆-10³⁄₁₆
9 mnth 10½-10¼ 12 mth 10¾-10½

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9³¹⁄₃₂-9¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mnth 10¹⁄₁₆-10
6 mnth 10⁵⁄₁₆-10¼ 12 mth 10⁷⁄₁₆-10⁵⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.65-7.60 3 mnth 8.15-8.10
6 mnth 8.35-8.30 12 mth 8.85-8.80

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar call 4-3
7 days 7⅝-7½ 1 mnth 7¾-7½
3 mnth 8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆
Deutschemark call 4-3
7 days 3⅞-3¾ 1 mnth 4-3⅞
3 mnth 4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆
French Franc call 7½-6½
7 days 7¾-7⅝ 1 mnth 7¾-7⅝
3 mnth 8⅝-8½ 6 mnth 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆
Swiss Franc call 1½-½
7 days 1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⁹⁄₁₆ 1 mnth 3⅞-3⅝
3 mnth 4⅛-4⅛ 6 mnth 4¼-4⅛
Yen call 3¾-2¾
7 days 4³⁄₁₆-4¹⁄₁₆ 1 mnth 4⅝-4½
3 mnth 5-4⅞ 6 mnth 5⅛-5

BULLION

Gold $454.75-455.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 453.50-456.00 (£280.50-282.50)
Mapleleaf (per 1 ounce coin):
$ 467.50-472.50 (£289.00-292.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 107.00-108.00 (£66.25-67.00)
Platinum
$ 562.50 (£346.60)
Silver
$ 7.54-7.56 (£4.665-4.680)

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

WALL STREET

Dow up 19 points in early deals

New York (Agencies) – Shares rose in early trading yesterday, led by the blue chips. But analysts were hard-pressed for a reason. Mr Peter Vandenberg of Shearson Lehman said he did not have an explanation, but he noted that the dollar had risen and that bond losses were small.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 19 points up at 2,615.28 after overcoming resistance at just above 2,600. Rising shares moderately outnumbered declining ones.

Mr Vandenberg said that a rebound in IBM, which is in the Dow average, was also helping in the advance. IBM rose by 1⅜ to 152⅜. Merck, which is also in the Dow average, was up by 1½ to 208⅜.

On Wednesday, the Dow average closed 5.71 points up at 2,596.28.

● Washington (AP-Dow Jones) – New factory orders in August fell by 1.7 per cent to a seasonally-adjusted $202.53 billion, the Commerce Department reported. The August decrease compared with a revised increase of 0.3 per cent in July to an adjusted $206.07 billion and a rise of 2 per cent in June to an adjusted $205.45 billion. The department had previously reported a 0.2 per cent decline in July factory orders. It said that the August orders decline was the first since January, when orders fell by 5.3 per cent. August factory orders, excluding defence capital goods, fell by 1.6 per cent following a 0.6 per cent rise in July.

	Sep 30	Sep 29
AMR Cp	55¾	54¾
ASA	60	62¾
Aetna Life	60¾	60¼
Allied Signal	45¾	44½
Allis Chlm	2	2
Alcoa	61⅛	61¼
Amax Inc	28¾	28¾
AMR Hess	35¾	35½
Am Brands	55¾	56
Am Cynmd	49¾	50½
Am Ele Pwr	27½	27¼
Amexs	35¾	35¾
Am Home	85¾	86¾
Am Motor	n.a	n.a
Am Stand	50¼	50½
Am Telph	33¾	34¼
Amoco Cp	82	82¾
Armco Steel	13⅛	13¾
Asarco Inc	32¾	32½
Ashland Oil	66¾	65½
Atl Richfld	94¾	94¾
Avon Prod	34¾	34¼
Bk Boston	31⅛	31¾
Bank NY	41	42¾
Bankamer	11⅛	11
Bkrs Tst NY	45¾	45¾
Baxter	28½	28¾
Beth Steel	17¾	17⅜
Boeing	50¾	51½
Boise Casc	79¾	81½
Borden	58	58¾
Bristl Meyr	50¾	51
BP	73½	73¾
Brunswick	27¾	28¾
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	78	76¾
CBS	225¾	218
Cms Engy	15¾	16
CPC Int	53¾	53½
CSX Cp	39	39¾
Cmpbell Sp	64⅞	66
Can Pacific	20½	21
Caterpillar	73½	73¾
Centrl SW	31½	32⅛
Champion	42¾	41¾
Chase Man	38¾	38¾
Chem NY	38¾	37¼
Chevron	54	53¾
Chrysler	41¼	40½
Citicorp	57¾	55¾
Clark Eq	39½	34¾
Coca Cola	48¾	48¾
Colgate	51¼	51
Columb Gas	51¼	51¾
Cmb'tn Eng	43½	44¾
Cmwlth Edi	31¾	30¾
Cons Edis	44	43¾
Consol Ng	40½	40¾
Cont Data	35¾	35¼
Corning Gl	71¼	70¾
Crane	33	32¼
Curtiss Wrt	67	n.a
Data Genl	32⅛	31¾
Deere Co	39	39¾
Delta Airl	52¾	52¾
Detroit Edi	14⅞	14¾
Digital Eq	190⅛	192
Disney	77¾	77¾
Dow Chem	105¾	105¾
Dressr Ind	33¾	32¾
Dupont	119¾	118¾
Duke Pwr	45¾	45¾
East Kodak	101½	102¾
Eaton Cp	98½	101½
Emerson El	40¾	39¾
Emery Air	9⅛	8⅞
Exxon	48¾	49¾
Farah Inc	13⅞	14
Fedders	9⅛	8¾
Firestone	46⅛	47
Fst Chicago	28¾	28¼
Fst Int Bncp	52¾	53½
Fst Penn C	10⅛	10⅜
FT Wachva	38¾	38¾
Ford Motor	97⅞	95¾
GAF Cp	64¾	64¾
GTE Cp	41½	42¾
Gen Cp	104	104¾
Gn Dynam	69½	70¾
Gen Electric	61½	61¾
Gen Inst	47¾	46¾
Gen Mills	57¾	58¾
Gen Motors	83	83
Gen Pub Ut	27¾	27½
Genesco	6⅞	6¾
Georgia Pac	43¾	43½
Gillette	41¾	40¾
Goodrich	59	59¾
Goodyear	71⅝	71⅛
Gould Inc	24	23½
Grace Co	67¾	66½
Grt Atl Pac	45¾	44½
Greyhnd	40¾	41
Gruman	28¾	28¾
Gulf & West	87¾	86½
Heinz	49½	49½
Hercules	61¾	60½
Hewlett Pk	70¼	69¾
Honeywell	79¾	78½
IC Ind	39¾	39½
ITT Cp	62¾	62¾
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ing Rand Wi	44¾	45½
Inland Steel	32	31
IBM	150¾	150⅛
Int Paper	51½	50⅝
Irving Bk	76⅛	77
Jhsn & Jhsn	95½	94¾
K Mart	40½	41¾
Kaisertech	20⅞	20¾
Kerr McGee	44¾	44
Kimbrly Clrk	58	59¾
Kraft	54¾	55¾
Kroger	33¾	34¾
LTV Cp	3⅛	3⅜
Litton	103¾	102¾
Lockheed	53¾	53½
Lucky Str	34¾	34¾
Man H'nver	38¾	38
Manville	3½	3⅜
Mapco	58¾	57¾
Marine Mid	82	82
Mrt Marneta	54¾	54¾
Masco	32¾	33
Mcdonalds	54	54¾
McDonnell	75⅛	75¾
Mead Cp	45⅛	44½
Merck	208⅜	206
Mnsta Mng	81¾	81
Mobil	49⅛	49½
Monsanto	95	97¾
Morgan Jp	46⅞	45¾
Motorola	69¾	70¾
NCR	82¾	84½
NL Indstrs	10⅛	10¾
Nat Distill	83¾	84½
Nat Md Ent	26¾	26
Nat Semi	18⅛	18¾
Norfolk Sthr	34½	33¾
NW Bancrp	46⅛	46¾
Occid Petl	34¾	34¾
Ogden Cp	36	37¾
Olin Cp	54¾	53¾
PPG Ind	45¾	46
Pac Gas El	19	18⅞
Pan Am	4¾	4½
Penney JC	58	59½
Pennzoil	71½	72
Pepsico	39¼	39¾
Pfizer	69½	69¾
Phelps Dod	52¾	52¾
Philip Mor	118¾	118
Philip Ptrl	16¾	16¾
Polaroid	33¾	32¾
Primerica	44¾	43¾
Proct Gble	101	101¾
Pub S E G	24¾	24¾
Raytheon	83¾	82½
Rynlds Metl	58¾	58
Rockwell Int	25	25
Royal Dutch	129¾	129¾
SFE Sopac	68¾	58¾
Sara Lee	44¾	44¾
Schlumb	46¾	47
Scott Pap	83¾	83½
Seagram	75¾	75¾
Sears Roeb	51¾	52¾
Shell Trans	89¾	90¾
Singer	55½	55¾
Smith Beck	59¾	60
Sony Cp	37¾	37¾
Sth Cal Edi	31¾	31½
SW Bell	43¾	44½
Squibb	100	99½
Sterl Drug	61¾	61½
Stevens JP	41	41¾
Sun Comp	61¼	60¾
TRW Inc	63½	63
Teledyne	370	371
Tenneco	56⅛	56¾
Texaco	40¼	40¾
Tex Eastn	35½	34¾
Texas Inst	74¾	74¾
Tex Util	30¾	30¾
Textron	33¾	33¼
Travelers	45¾	45
USG	51	49½
USX Cp	37¾	36½
Unilever Plc	41½	42½
Un Carbide	28¾	28¾
Un Pac Cp	80¾	81½
Unisys Cp	44¾	45¾
Utd Brands	39¾	40¾
Utd Tech	58	58
Unocal	38¾	39
Walter Jim	58½	59¾
Warn Lamb	83¾	82½
Wells Far	55½	53½
Westg El	73¾	73¾
Weyerhsr	52½	51¾
Whirlpool	36¾	36¾
Woolworth	49¾	48¾
Xerox Cp	79	79¾
Zenith	27¾	27¾

CANADIAN PRICES

	Sep 30	Sep 29
Agnico Eag	35¾	35½
Alcan Alum	47¾	46½
Algoma Stl	19⅛	19⅞
Can Pacific	27¾	27½
Cominco	21½	21¼
Con Bathrst	20⅞	20¾
Hawk S Can	28¾	28½
Hud Bay M	23½	23¾
Imasco	33	33
Imperial Oil	75	76
Int Pipe	51	50½
Royl Trstco	18⅛	18
Seagram	99½	99¾
Shelco 'A'	25¾	25¾
Thmsn N 'A'	31½	31
Vanty Cp	3.50	3.50
WCT	17	17
Weston	41¾	41

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Henry Ansbacher to raise £69 million in rights issue

By John Bell, City Editor

Henry Ansbacher Holdings, the merchant banking to insurance broking group, is raising £69 million via a rights issue in order to beef up its banking resources and develop the other parts of its business.

The move, viewed as a positive one in the City, will more than double the capital base of the banking division to £72 million and increase group assets from £55 million to approximately £120 million.

The rights issue marks the second, expansionary phase of the changes brought in by Mr Richard Fenhalls, the chairman, since he joined the group early in 1985.

Since the dramatic loss of £31.4 million revealed in the Spring of 1985, Mr Fenhalls has consolidated and built upon a supportive relationship with his dominant continental shareholders. These inlude the Pargesa Group and Banque Bruxelles Lambert, who betweem them own more than half the equity. A further 10 per cent is held by Banque Internationale à Luxembourg. By last year profits had recovered to £5.6 million.

Second expansionary phase since 1985: Richard Fenhalls

Mr Fenhalls and his colleagues now believe that the group needs more capital in order to expand its lending, treasury and corporate finance activities. Under a heavily restructured management team, the banking business is progressing well. The corporate finance team makes an appearance in the league table of top takeover advisers.

Outside banking, Ansbacher plans to invest about £25 million in developing the rest of its business especially insurance broking where in due course a number of acquisitions are likely. About £7 million of the rights issue proceeds will be used to repay a loan.

The board says that prospect for the year are satisfactory and forecasts an unchanged dividend of 2p per share.

The rights issue takes the form of a package of new ordinary shares and 9 per cent convertible loan stock maturing in 1998. For every 20 shares held shareholders will be offered six new shares at 82p and £5 of loan stock. The issue is underwritten and shareholders accounting for more than 72 per cent of the equity are taking up their rights in full.

SIB plans tougher rules for unit trusts

By Peter Gartland
Family Money Editor

Tougher rules on the pricing of unit trusts and more protection for the consumer are the key points in a consultative document published yesterday by the Securities and Investments Board.

The SIB is taking over most regulation of the unit trust industry from the Department of Trade and Industry.

The chief new proposal in yesterday's document is a system whereby the price of units will be based on their valuation following receipt of the investor's order to buy or sell. This change would mirror practice in the US. The present British practice relies on unit prices from the previous day's trading. According to the SIB, this gives a privileged opportunity to professional operators and unit trust managers to profit at the expense of ordinary unit holders.

Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of the SIB, said yesterday that he was also trying to make the level of unit trust charges clearer to investors. At present, they are "all wrapped up", he said. The proposal here is that the unit trust's initial charge to investors, typically 5 per cent, would have to be separately identified.

A further recommendation by the SIB in the interests of what it calls "transparency" is that unit trust groups should indicate alongside published prices in newspapers whether the price is bid-based (B), offer-based (O) or intermediate (I).

COMMENT

TSB bid would have logic for Hill Samuel

A rumour that makes sense has everything going for it. Sometimes it can prove to be more logical than what actually happens. Certainly, the prospect of the TSB bidding for Hill Samuel today would be exciting even if the principals had never thought of it. For TSB's Sir John Read has the motive, the means and the opportunity to bail the Hill Samuel Board out of its partly self-induced misery.

Thanks to the Government's TSB giveaway, the £680 million from the second call on the sale of TSB shares has just gone into the banking group's coffers, with a built-in request from the City for rapid deployment. By coincidence, perhaps, that neatly covers the stock market value of Hill Samuel when its shares were suspended yesterday morning.

TSB has long made clear that it has a shopping list of acquisitions to both broaden and deepen its interests in growth areas of the financial services business. Any temptation to follow the path of the high street big four into megabanking would surely have been blunted by the Third World debt disasters which TSB's domestic retail profile allowed it to escape. Rather, TSB has a wonderful customer base with rising incomes and broadening horizons to buy a wider range of in-house services. TSB also wants to build its corporate banking and needs to improve its service to companies. And it wants to broaden its customer base by marketing products to the already affluent.

If the £220 million acquisition of the Target life and unit trust group helped the latter cause, Hill Samuel would fulfill many of the important ambitions in one go. The merchant bank and Wood Mackenzie securities operation — original source of Hill Samuel's flight from independence in search of resources — would transform TSB's appeal to the business market as well as providing the wherewithal for high street securities business. Moroever, Hill Samuel's other main businesses, investment management and the Noble Lowndes employee benefit empire, would greatly extend the group's retail financial services potential, particularly in the likely high-growth area of personal pensions.

The opportunity arises becauses David Davies and his colleagues on the Hill Samuel board cannot be so fussy as they once were with unwelcome predators barking round the walls. The TSB is eminently acceptable and could evidently provide the City sophisticates of Hill Samuel with tempting career opportunities. It provides the basic resources Wood Mackenzie needs, though lacking any input to the banking group's perennial international ambitions. Unlike the Union Bank of Switzerland, TSB has already shown in its failed bid for Hogg Robinson that is happy to break up an acquisition and sell the bits it does not want. In Hill Samuel's case, these would surely include the insurance broking and shipping services areas. Wood Mackenzie could be sold if required. And TSB could well decide to sell the corporate finance business to City rival BZW.

Hill Samuel might, indeed, be hard-pressed to deliver more logical news of its fate this morning.

Connecting at last

If ever there were a deal waiting to happen, it is the merger of GEC and Plessey's interests in System X telecommunications. Whitehall has long favoured it, the City wanted it, the Monopolies Commission paraded its virtues while rejecting a full GEC takeover of Plessey at the behest of the Ministry of Defence. Since then, only the incompatible ambitions of the personalities involved have delayed matters.

Plessey's Sir John Clark — to whom the telecommunications business is most central — was more than happy to buy out his rivals. GEC's Lord Weinstock thought he could make a better job of combining the businesses, rather than inflating Plessey's size relative to the GEC. Markets can arbitrate between personalities in a bid. But the principals have to agree in a deal between two sovereign boards. A joint company was less than ideal but the only possible outcome.

The spur for a merger of interests came from the privatization of British Telecom, previously the state customer for an effective cartel protected by public sector inclinations to buy British. Once BT started behaving in a somewhat exaggeratedly commercial fashion, the two main British producers rapidly cried foul. System X had been developed at enormous cost and with suitable delay to BT's exacting and changing specifications — a classic case of how not to do it. That has made the system virtually unsaleable in the rest of the world. The producers were content if they earned high protected profits in return.

Once BT started hedging its bets by buying Ericsson's rival System Y, GEC and Plessey were in trouble. They had fallen badly down the world league in husbanding the UK market. Even together, the giant company that will now be put together will look decidedly modest compared with foreign rivals in the business telephone market, let alone basic networks. Development is fast and expensive and GEC and Plessey are too heavily dependent on System X and the British market. Yesterday's agreement makes a start in repairing the damage. The new company will have a lot of leeway to make up.

Ling's £65m buys add to MacLellan

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Philip Ling, the entrepreneur, who in June this year took control of P&W MacLellan, is now reversing two private companies into the tiny supplier of agricultural parts in a deal valuing the companies at £65 million.

The deal heralds a fivefold increase in MacLellan's market capitalization to approximately £81 million. Its shares were suspended yesterday at 176p.

MacLellan is buying Haden Group, the industrial paints company, for £40 million. Mr Ling was managing director of Haden in 1985 when the Haden management, backed by City institutions, paid £60 million for the group.

The deal is being financed via new MacLellan ordinary and preference shares, with £22.2 million of the shares being placed at 150p each to raise cash for the vendors with a clawback in favour of existing shareholders. MacLellan will make a further payment of £16 million cash representing the surplus on the Haden pension fund after tax of 40 per cent.

MacLellan is also paying £25 million in shares for Haleworth Holdings, the private group, chaired by Mr Ling, which acquired a 29 per cent stake in MacLellan in June this year paying £1 per share at the time.

Haleworth's stake in MacLellan is now being placed at 150p a share to allow the purchase to go through. Mr Ling owns 10 per cent of Haleworth's ordinary shares.

Because of common directorships between MacLellan's board and the boards of the companies being acquired, independent committees have been formed to consider the proposals.

More than 50 per cent of MacLellan's shares have been pledged in favour of the Haden purchase and 47.5 per cent already support the acquisition of Haleworth.

At June 30 1987 Haden had a £13.1 million cash balance. It made a loss of £400,000 in the six months, but made operating profits of £9.2 million last year. Haleworth had operating profits of £1.8 in its most recent half-year period.

MacLellan's will become Haden MacLellan Holdings when the deal goes through.

Nationwide Anglia in gilts loan plan

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Nationwide Anglia Building Society yesterday began a scheme for lending part of its portfolio of government securities to market makers.

Market makers will be able to borrow gilt-edged stock from Nationwide Anglia to cover temporary shortages in their holdings. Up to £250 million of the building society's gilt-edged portfolio will be available initially for borrowing. The loans will be secured against other securities and Nationwide Anglia will receive a lending fee.

The first £250 million tranche will be made available through three money brokers.

Nationwide Anglia is the first building society to take advantage of rules — The Building Societies (Liquid Asset) Regulations 1987, published on August 20 — which came into force yesterday.

In practice, most building society gilt-edged holdings are short-dated. During the period in which the stock is lent out, there is technically a change in ownership. But Nationwide Anglia will be reimbursed by the money brokers in respect of any dividend payments.

Mr Allan Bowers, Nationwide Anglia general manager, said: "With the competition for investment funds becoming ever more fierce, it is vitally important that we make the best use possible of all our assets."

Brierley soars to £270.6m

By Michael Tate

Brierley Investments, Mr Ron Brierley's master company, involved in a £450 million takeover battle for Equity & Law, reported profits of NZ$676.6 million (£270.6 million) for the year to end-June, compared with NZ$397.5 million previously.

It also unveiled a one-for-10 rights issue, to raise NZ$223.4 million, and a one-for-four scrip issue.

Group turnover more than doubled from NZ$3.33 billion to NZ$7.15 billion. The dividend is raised 60 per cent to 10 cents.

Jacques Vert style produces £1.64m

By Joe Joseph

Jacques Vert, the USM-quoted women's fashion house which has successfully tapped a booming market for quality, middle-of-the range clothing, lifted pretax profits by 37 per cent to £1.64 million in the six months to July 17. Turnover climbed by nearly 60 per cent to £10.77 million.

Rising production from new manufacturing sites has been soaked up by a sharp jump in exports, which more than doubled, and the opening of four new Jacques Vert shops, twice the number compared with this time last year. Another three shops will be opened by Christmas.

Preferring to funnel cash towards further investment within the group, the directors are once again passing on an interim dividend.

Mr Jack Cynamon, the chairman, said: "We are confident for the future of the group and intend to capitalize on the considerable potential demand for our products by investing now in new plant, people and brand advertising. We expect particular demand from North America and Europe, where our sales are increasing dramatically.

"Because we have succeeded in bringing forward our autumn delivery season, the imbalance between the two halves of the year will not be so pronounced as in the past."

British Gas 'will need Norway'

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British Gas will be able to meet more than half Britain's gas needs from offshore fields already under contract, but will need to look at more imports from Norway in the longer term, according to Wood Mackenzie.

The Edinburgh-based broker, which has a detailed data bank of all North Sea oil and gas fields, said yesterday that the timing and size of British Gas purchases from overseas will be affected by the price and quantity of indigenous gas that could be offered to the company.

While in the state sector, British Gas's plans to buy £20 billion worth of gas for the 1990s from the Norwegian Sleipner field were vetoed by the Government. The Treasury objected to the scale of the purchase — it would have been Britain's largest-ever import deal — and the British oil companies argued that they could meet needs from undeveloped fields in the North Sea if they were given a viable price that would allow development. British Gas consistently argued that to ensure supplies it would have to turn to Norway during the next decade.

The main points of the Wood Mackenzie analysis are:

- In 1987-88 a slight deficiency in supply caused by the demise of the Norwegian Frigg field will be easily made up by gas owed to British Gas from previously underlifted fields.
- In 1989-90 the supply gap will be met by overlifting from southern basin gas fields and from British Gas's own Morcambe Bay field.
- British Gas is likely to contract within the next 18 months for 8 trillion cubic feet of gas to meet demand in the early 1990s, with most of the gas coming from the southern basin and the Brae/ Miller complex.

The report adds: "Given that eventually imports, most likely Norwegian, will be required to meet long-term UK demand, British Gas may wish to see a transitional period in the mid to late 1990s.

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Mischievous Imps

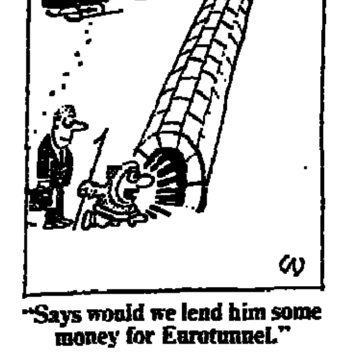
Buried amidst the pile of discarded documents produced by the Imperial camp in its vain attempt to fend off Hanson Trust's aggressive takeover bid is a report that would intrigue, not least, Lord Hanson. Compiled by Imps' in-house defence team and management consultant LEK, it apparently attempted to show that the predator's growth was in no way organic, and that the acquisition of Imps was not necessary in order to maintain Hanson's historic growth rate, following so hot on the heels of its purchase of SCM in the States. The report goes on to conclude that there is one British company which Hanson would find much more eligible, in terms of size, cash flow and sell-off opportunities — Midland Bank, where, it so happens, Hanson has just amassed a 6.1 per cent stake.

Berrill in peril?

Rumours are circulating, it seems, that Sir Kenneth Berrill, the 67-year-old chairman of the investment watchdog the SIB, may not have his three-year contract renewed when it expires in seven months' time. Yesterday he rejected suggestions that Trade Secretary Lord Young had asked him not to seek re-appointment next May. Protesting, almost a little too loudly, he emphasized that his relationship with Lord Young was far from acrimonious. The two men apparently dined together on Wednesday evening and Sir Kenneth was anxious to let it be known that Lord Young fully supported the SIB. Sir Kenneth, whose re-appointment will be decided by the Governor of the Bank of England as well as Lord Young, added: "I took the job on for three years. It would be nice to go on a bit longer, but if I don't then so be it". If the SIB and Sir Kenneth are to part company he certainly won't be short of job offers. Who knows? The former head of the Government think-tank, university professor and chairman of Vickers da Costa might even decide there is merit in being gamekeeper turned poacher.

Table talk

One beneficial effect of Big Bang is that lonely market-makers, isolated in their ivory towers, are so delighted to renew old acquaintances at charity functions that they are raising record sums of money for worthy causes. The combined annual dinner of the Stock Exchange Veterans Club and the Water Rats — an entertainment industry charity — at Accountants Hall in Copthall Avenue the other night raised £35,000 from an auction. "It was a record, we've never raised more than £18,000 before," says auctioneer Barry Pearl of Phillips & Drew. "The atmosphere was marvellous — it was the first time we'd seen each other since Big Bang." With just 300 diners, that means an average spend of more than £100 a head.


"Says would we lend him some money for Eurotunnel."

Italian Arc

The Trusthouse Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe was enough of a mouthful for the world's most famous horse race, but news last month that an Italian hotel group was to take over the sponsorship means that it is now to be known as The Compagnia Italiana dei Grandi Alberghi Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Steve Gebbett, managing director of the City PR firm Charles Barker Lyons, is offering a bottle of champagne to any reader who can think of a longer tongue-twister for a sponsored event.

Blonde bombshell

Few people spend all their working life in the City — most depart for career pastures new before or after reaching burn-out. One who left the Square Mile for fame and fortune was blonde Julie Wooldridge. Julie, aged 28, who used to work for the stockbroker Carr Sebag in its box, now tours the world as Princess Diana's lookalike. Her similarity to the then Lady Diana Spencer was first spotted by a colleague, Miranda Clark, daughter of Plessey chairman Sir John Clark, who went to school with Diana. "She kept saying that I reminded her of a school friend, and all of a sudden Diana started going out with Prince Charles and her pictures started appearing in the newspapers," says Julie. "Everyone then started telling me how similar we were, and on one occasion I was chased down Bond Street by a party of Japanese tourists who thought it really was her." When the royal engagement was announced, Sebag's brokers persuaded Julie — who now works full-time for the agency Lookalikes — to buy a blue suit identical to the engagement photographs and join them in the Royal Exchange bar. Such a jolly jape would these days cost them more than a bottle of champagne.

- **A hoax? BP's share office has received a registration of interest in its float from one Ayatollah Khomeini, posted inParis, where the Iranian has a home.**

Carol Leonard

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Pension funds wary of property

By Cliff Feltham

Pension fund investment in property has slumped to a record low — at a time when bricks and mortar are beginning to show good returns.

The latest survey by WM Company, which examined 48 portfolios with nearly 2,500 properties worth £5.2 billion, found that pension funds now had only 8 per cent of their funds tied up in property.

The total return of 12 per cent against 7 per cent in the previous year "compared very favourably with inflation and was superior to both fixed interest and cash," WM points out. "It was, however, still considerably less than that for equities which continued to show well above average dividend growth."

Mr Michael Hall, the former investment manager of Phillips & Drew who advised on the survey, says the results suggest pension fund managers still remain wary of property while they were able to achieve above average returns in the equity market.

Retail property produced a return of 15 per cent. City offices continued to show above average results of 16.5 per cent while retail in the greater London area "gave an exceptional return of 28 per cent."

Scotland showed below average returns while agriculture continued depressed with capital losses of about 11 per cent.

Keswick pays $391m for 20% stake in US investment firm

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Jardine Strategic Holdings, a Hong Kong-listed company owned 47 per cent by Jardine Matheson, is paying US$391 million (£241 million) for a 20 per cent stake in Bear Stearns, the American investment banking firm.

Mr Simon Keswick, Jardine chairman, hopes to sign the deal within a month and will finance it with bank borrowings.

Bear Stearns is one of America's top banking and stockbroking firms, and the ninth largest member firm of the New York Stock Exchange. It reported profits of $173 million on a turnover of $1.8 billion in the year ending April.

Under the deal announced in New York, the Keswick investment arm will offer to buy 16.3 million Bear Stearns shares, which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, for $23 a share.

If not enough shareholders accept the Jardine offer, the partners of the banking firm, who own 45 per cent of the shares, have agreed to make up the difference.

Mr Keswick said he was "looking forward to a long and close working relationship" with the Bear Stearns management team, but ruled out a full takeover bid for at least five years.

He has promised that he will not raise his stake in the firm to more than 25 per cent for the next three years, or above 35 per cent for the two years after that "except in agreed circumstances."

Speaking from New York, Mr Brian Powers, managing director of Jardine Strategic Holdings, said: "This purchase fits our strategy absolutely perfectly. We feel very fortunate to be able to do this on a very friendly basis, and to go into what we feel is one of the most outstanding merchant banks in New York."

Keswick: 'long-term stake'

Asked if Jardine wanted to increase its stake, Mr Powers said that if anybody else were to bid for the company or acquire a substantial stake, then the Hong Kong firm would be free to increase its holding without limit.

Mr Keswick said: "This investment is in furtherance of Jardine Strategic Holdings' policy of taking substantial, long-term stakes in successful well-managed companies."

The investment company owns 35 per cent of Dairy Farm, the retailing group, and 29 per cent of the hotels group Mandarin Oriental, both of which were hived off from Hongkong Land.

"The holding in Bear Stearns will become our fifth major strategic stake and will represent some 20 per cent of the value of our portfolio," Mr Keswick said.

Catalogues hit Empire Stores profits

By Alison Eadie

Empire Stores (Bradford) registered a much heavier than expected slump in profits due to a disappointing performance from the specialogues (specialized catalogues) and poor summer weather adversely affecting sales.

Pretax profits in the 28 weeks to August 15 fell to £109,000 against £2.5 million in the previous first half. Turnover rose 2.3 per cent to £87.9 million.

Mr John Gratwick, chairman, said first half profits had been expected to drop under £1 million, but deteriorated as turnover fell below the 8 per cent increase the company had budgeted for.

The two specialogues which failed to live up to expectations were Oh-One-Oh, selling children's and maternity clothes, and Elements, selling fashion clothes from the Snob boutiques. The specialogues have now been withdrawn.

A change in policy by Customs and Excise from allowing duty on free gifts to be paid for at cost to insisting it be paid on the market value of gifts cost Empire £200,000.

Additional factors cost the company £1.7 million, Mr Gratwick said. He added that action now being taken, particularly by the new managing director Mr Michael Harris, should ensure Empire made full year profits in excess of the £7.7 million made last year before exceptional items. Mr Harris joined from Great Universal Stores' mail order subsidiary where he was managing director.

Sales in the second half are picking up well, Mr Gratwick said, and the cooler autumn weather is proving helpful.

The interim dividend was raised to 1.65p from 1.5p.

Japanese savings soar 12%

By David Watts, Tokyo

Japan's savings have made a big jump this year although foreign governments have been urging the Japanese to spend as a means of reducing the country's huge trade imbalances.

The 12.3 per cent increase was the biggest in seven years and meant average savings of 8.21 million yen (£34,000) for households of two or more.

The Central Council for Savings Promotion, which the government said it would abolish to reduce the propensity to save, said the increase was due mainly to gains on Tokyo's booming stock market. Savings were 1.7 times average annual income.

Almost half of the 4,249 households surveyed in June and July had average debts of Y6.13 million. The net average savings were Y5.62 million, up 19.3 per cent from last year, and 3.3 per cent of households had no savings.

People in their twenties had average savings of Y1.93 million, while those in their thirties had Y4.98 million, those in their forties Y7.51 million and those in their fifties Y10.45 million.

The survey showed that 52.3 per cent of savings were held in bank deposits and postal savings; 20 per cent in life and liability insurance policies; 15.6 per cent in stocks and bonds; and 5.6 per cent in loan and money trusts.

Pentland chooses deputy chairman

Pentland Industries: **Mr Robert Shepherd** has been named deputy chairman.

Murdoch Magazines: Mr Rupert Murdoch's US magazine publishing operation has announced the formation of Murdoch Magazines (UK) Ltd and named **Elizabeth Rees-Jones** as its managing director.

County NatWest: **Mr Peter Franklin, Mr Noel Healy, Mr Ian Longworth, Mr Philip Marsden, Mr Robert Ogilvie, Mr Paul Rivlin, Mr David Tyler** and **Mr Philip Young** join the board.

Broad Street Associates Public Relations: **Mr John Stevens** is named director of investor relations.

Gateway: **Mr Ian Wolsey** becomes marketing director and **Mr Bob Willett** joins the board as non-food director.

United Distillers Group: **Mr Shunji Noritomi** is made regional director for Japan.

Elizabeth Rees-Jones: managing director of Murdoch Magazines (UK)

Bose UK: **Mr Alan Kilford** is named managing director.

Gavin Martin: **Mr George Greenfield** has been appointed sales director.

Highland: **Mr Geoffrey Parker** is elected chief executive.

Homelife Care: **Mr George Wisz** is named managing director.

North British Maritime Group: **Mr Colin Offen** becomes finance director.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	89.61	89.66	89.55	89.55	4378
Mar 88	89.73	89.74	89.63	89.63	411
Jun 88	89.76	89.76	89.68	89.66	101
Sep 88	NT	—	—	89.60	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	89.49	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	89.40	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	89.30	0

Previous day's total open interest 16951

Three Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	91.44	91.46	91.40	91.44	4193
Mar 88	91.06	91.10	91.04	91.09	494
Jun 88	90.79	90.83	90.78	90.82	360
Sep 88	90.59	90.60	90.59	90.61	65
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.44	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.30	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	90.17	0
Sep 89	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 29413

US Treasury Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	82-00	82-01	81-17	81-25	6037
Mar 88	NT	—	—	80-29	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 6495

Long Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	114-18	115-05	114-05	114-07	32462
Mar 88	NT	—	—	114-10	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 88	NT	—	—	—	
Dec 88	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 26881

FT-SE 100	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	243.30	244.80	243.30	243.70	1436
Mar 88	NT	—	—	248.20	0

Previous day's total open interest 5091

Japanese Government Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 87	96.30	96.40	96.00	96.40	550
Mar 88	NT	—	—	96.10	0

Previous day's total open interest 850

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range October 1	Market rates close October 1	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6130-1.6235	1.6130-1.6140	0.35-0.32prem	0.84-0.79prem
Montreal	2.1066-2.1260	2.1066-2.1095	0.19-0.09prem	0.33-0.21prem
Ams'dam	3.3526-3.3704	3.3526-3.3571	1½-1⅜prem	4-3⅞prem
Brussels	61.76-62.20	61.76-61.88	23-19prem	62-57prem
C'phgen	11.4426-11.5147	11.4426-11.4578	⅝prem-⅛dis	⅛-par prem
Dublin	1.1130-1.1168	1.1130-1.1140	21-72prem	41-28prem
Frankfurt	2.9800-2.9954	2.9800-2.9846	1⅜-1⅛prem	4⅛-4⅜prem
Lisbon	233.80-236.06	233.80-234.75	6-65dis	129-325dis
Madrid	197.93-198.80	197.93-198.21	24-42dis	150-186dis
Milan	2147.57-2162.50	2147.57-2152.13	1-4dis	8-13dis
Oslo	10.8660-10.9356	10.8660-10.8808	3¼-3¾dis	8¾-9⅝dis
Paris	9.9190-9.9723	9.9190-9.9332	2⅛-1¾prem	5⅛-4¾prem
St'khlm	10.4184-10.4870	10.4184-10.4297	1⅛-⅞prem	2⅛-1½prem
Tokyo	237.18-238.43	237.18-237.57	1¼-1⅛prem	3⅝-3⅜prem
Vienna	20.94-21.06	20.94-20.97	11-9⅝prem	30⅝-28⅝prem
Zurich	2.4848-2.4945	2.4848-2.4888	1⅛-1⅛prem	3¾-3⅜prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 72.8 (day's range 72.8-73.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	4.2588-4.2777
Australia dollar	2.2819-2.2850
Bahrain dinar	0.6095-0.6135
Brazil cruzado *	83.0344-83.4858
Cyprus pound	0.7780-0.7880
Finland marka	7.1650-7.2050
Greece drachma	227.75-229.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.6553-12.6749
India rupee	21.15-21.35
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4570-0.4610
Malaysia dollar	4.1133-4.1176
Mexico peso	2490-2540
New Zealand dollar	2.5264-2.5320
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0625-6.1025
Singapore dollar	3.3932-3.3970
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4020-5.4980
S Africa rand (com)	3.3756-3.3848
U A E dirham	5.9375-5.9775

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4540-1.4570
Singapore	2.0920-2.0930
Malaysia	2.5360-2.5370
Australia	0.7103-0.7108
Canada	1.3077-1.3082
Sweden	6.4500-6.4550
Norway	6.7275-6.7325
Denmark	7.0800-7.0850
West Germany	1.8428-1.8435
Switzerland	1.5355-1.5365
Netherlands	2.0725-2.0735
France	6.1340-6.1365
Japan	146.70-146.80
Italy	1329.0-1330.0
Belgium(Comm)	38.23-38.28
Hong Kong	7.8085-7.8095
Portugal	144.90-145.30
Spain	122.40-122.50
Austria	12.96-12.98

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allid Lyon	390	57	65	78	2	4	10
(*442)	420	30	42	57	4	15	20
	460	6	23	35	25	35	40
Brit Air	190	30	—	—	2	—	—
(*219)	200	20	30	35	2½	8	13
	220	6	19	26	10	21	27
Brit Com	460	77	92	103	2	5	12
(*529)	500	38	65	80	5	15	22
	550	8	35	53	28	35	41
Brit Gas	165	11	20	—	2	7	—
(*173)	180	3	13	19	9	14	17
	200	1	6½	12	28	30	31
BP	330	45	50	70	2	6½	12
(*377)	360	24	43	50	5	14	23
	390	7	25	38	19	29	31
Britoil	300	41	59	67	1½	11	16
(*337)	330	17	38	49	10	22	27
	360	6	24	34	28	37	42
Cons Gold	1450	32	115	155	90	130	160
(*1403)	1500	70	90	135	130	165	195
	1550	10	70	115	175	205	235
Courtauld	420	114	122	—	1	2	—
(*529)	460	74	88	106	½	7	12
	500	40	60	78	6	18	30
	550	10	35	52	28	42	52
Com Union	330	87	98	107	1	4	5
(*416)	360	57	71	80	2	5	10
	390	29	48	60	3	9	15
C & W	380	118	133	147	1	3	6
(*505)	420	88	106	120	1	6	12
	460	52	70	100	3	13	25
	500	20	47	70	17	27	35
GEC	200	33	40	48	1	4	7
(*231)	220	14	27	34	3	9	14
	240	4	15	24	13	20	25
Grand Met	460	117	128	—	1	1	—
(*574)	500	77	93	100	2	4	11
	550	33	56	67	5	20	28
	600	7	30	40	33	43	52
ICI	1450	170	220	242	1½	12	25
(*1613)	1500	120	180	203	3	18	37
	1550	80	145	170	8	30	52
	1600	45	110	140	23	50	73
Land Sec	550	58	77	92	3	14	20
(*603)	600	20	42	60	15	30	38
	650	4	23	40	50	60	65
M & S	220	22	31	38	1½	8	10
(*239)	240	9	19	28	8	18	19
	260	2	12	20	26	28	30
R-Royce	185	27	34	40	½	2½	6
(*211)	195	17	26	34	1½	6	10
	205	10	20	28	4	10	15
	215	3½	15	—	7	15	—
Shell	1350	60	122	152	22	55	87
(*1379)	1400	32	98	125	45	77	112
	1450	14	73	103	80	103	140
Trafalgar	360	53	62	75	2	5	8
(*409)	380	25	40	53	6	15	18
	420	6	22	36	18	30	33
TSB	130	13	17	20	1	2	3½
(*141)	140	5½	11	15	4	7	8½
	150	1½	7½	10	12	14	17
Woolworth	325	40	—	—	2	—	—
(*361)	330	—	52	67	—	7	12
	350	20	—	—	10	—	—
	375	7	30	—	22	34	—

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Bass	950	70	95	120	6	25	40
(*1006)	1000	25	63	90	15	48	62
	1050	10	42	70	50	75	85
GKN	330	84	91	100	1	3	5
(*411)	360	54	68	77	1½	7	10
	390	27	46	56	3	15	20
	420	11	30	40	15	28	31
Jaguar	500	78	98	110	½	6	15
(*574)	550	39	63	75	5	22	30
	600	5	32	50	33	45	55

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad	160	29	38	44	7	13	16
(*177)	180	17	27	34	16	23	27
	200	9	18	25	30	36	38
Beecham	460	128	—	—	1	—	—
(*581)	500	90	106	—	4	9	—
	550	48	70	88	15	22	26
	600	22	43	57	40	43	58
Boots	280	37	46	53	6	10	14
(*307)	300	24	35	41	14	18	23
	330	10	20	27	30	34	38
BTR	330	47	58	—	6	10	—
(*362)	360	25	37	45	16	20	26
	390	13	25	31	32	36	41
Blue Circ	425	75	—	—	4	—	—
(*487)	450	57	—	—	10	—	—
	475	40	—	—	18	—	—
De Beers	1050	520	—	—	5	—	—
(*1575)	1100	470	—	—	10	—	—
	1200	370	—	—	40	—	—
	1300	270	—	—	60	—	—
Dixons	330	68	80	—	3	6	—
(*389)	360	44	58	68	9	14	18
	390	26	38	46	18	24	28
Glaxo	1650	155	210	—	39	60	—
(*1753)	1700	120	180	—	55	80	—
	1750	95	155	200	78	100	115

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Glaxo	1800	73	130	175	105	130	145
Hanson	140	46	—	—	½	—	—
(*181)	160	27	29	—	1½	3½	—
	180	12	16	21½	6½	10½	12½
	200	4	8	12½	19½	22	24
Sears	140	38	42	—	1	2	—
(*176)	160	21	28	32	4	6	8
	180	8½	18	24	11	14	17
Tesco	167	32	—	—	2	—	—
(*195)	183	21	32	—	8	10	—
	200	12	22	26	12	16	18
Thorn EMI	650	97	115	135	8	15	20
(*724)	700	60	82	105	23	30	42
	750	31	65	—	40	52	—
	800	15	33	—	82	87	—
THF	240	40	46	52	2	7	9
(*273)	260	26	32	38	7	13	15
	280	14	22	28	18	22	24
Unilever	600	60	82	92	15	24	30
(*635)	650	32	52	65	38	45	50
	700	15	33	45	70	75	80
Wellcome	500	68	88	105	15	25	32
(*544)	550	38	60	78	34	44	53
	600	18	40	58	65	75	80

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	130	18	24	29	1½	6	7
(*144)	140	11	18	23	5	10	12
	160	3	9	—	16	19	—
Brit Aero	460	85	102	112	3	11	18
(*534)	500	50	73	80	10	22	33
	550	20	43	55	32	43	55
BAT Ind	550	157	170	—	2	3	—
(*698)	600	108	127	135	2	7	14
	650	64	87	98	9	18	28
	700	31	58	68	25	35	47
Brit Tele	240	32	—	—	2	—	—
(*257)	260	15½	27	35	6	14	18
	280	6	17	25	18	24	30
Cadbury	240	48	58	63	1	5	8
(*284)	260	31	44	48	3	10	13
	280	16	29	35	11	15	21
Guinness	330	52	68	73	2	4	10
(*376)	360	28	42	50	8	15	22
	390	12	27	33	25	30	35
Ladbroke	403	60	—	—	2	—	—
(*455)	443	28	—	—	12	—	—
	460	18	35	45	20	26	35
LASMO	330	53	71	79	3½	12	19
(*379)	360	33	49	61	11	19	28
	390	17	34	45	28	34	43
Plessey	180	46	52	57	1½	4	7
(*222)	200	28	38	43	4½	8	12
	220	14	23	31	9	16	22
P & O	638	110	132	—	2	6	—
(*738)	688	67	88	—	6	17	—
	750	24	57	67	27	40	57
Prudential	950	145	170	187	5	13	25
(*1090)	1000	97	135	152	13	25	37
	1050	67	100	117	25	40	60
Racal	280	69	79	92	1	6	10
(*345)	300	50	63	76	3	11	16
	330	29	44	56	11	21	27
RTZ	1250	150	215	245	25	47	73
(*1365)	1300	120	186	220	40	68	100
	1350	90	160	195	60	95	125
	1400	70	140	175	85	120	155
Vaal Reef	130	10½	16	20½	8	12	15
(*130)	140	7	12½	16½	13½	17	19½
	150	3½	9½	13	22	24	26

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Barclays	500	125	137	150	3	6	10
(*513)	550	75	92	112	7	17	22
	600	45	65	80	22	35	45
Midland	485	80	97	—	6	15	—
(*548)	522	55	—	—	15	—	—
	550	34	55	62	30	40	44

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Lonrho	255	82	—	—	1	—	—
(*333)	273	65	—	—	2½	—	—
	300	42	51	58	5	9	13
	330	24	32	39	15	19	24

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Tr 11¾%	102	2⅝	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
1991	104	[illegible]	1⅝	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
(*£104)	106	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	108	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Tr 11¾%	110	[illegible]	4⅝	[illegible]	1	2	2⅞
03/07	112	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2⅝	[illegible]
(*£112)	114	[illegible]	2⅝	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4⅝
	116	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5⅝
	118	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	5⅝	[illegible]	—

FT-SE INDEX (*2378)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
2150	250	273	—	—	2	6	—	—
2200	202	228	252	—	3	10	15	—
2250	157	185	210	—	5	18	25	—
2300	113	145	172	200	15	30	35	43
2350	80	112	138	163	28	47	50	60
2400	52	80	108	133	52	70	72	80
2450	33	55	82	110	80	95	98	103
2500	15	—	—	—	127	—	—	—

October 1, 1987 Total: 52161 Calls 37463 Puts 14698 FT-SE: Calls 1683 Puts 1672

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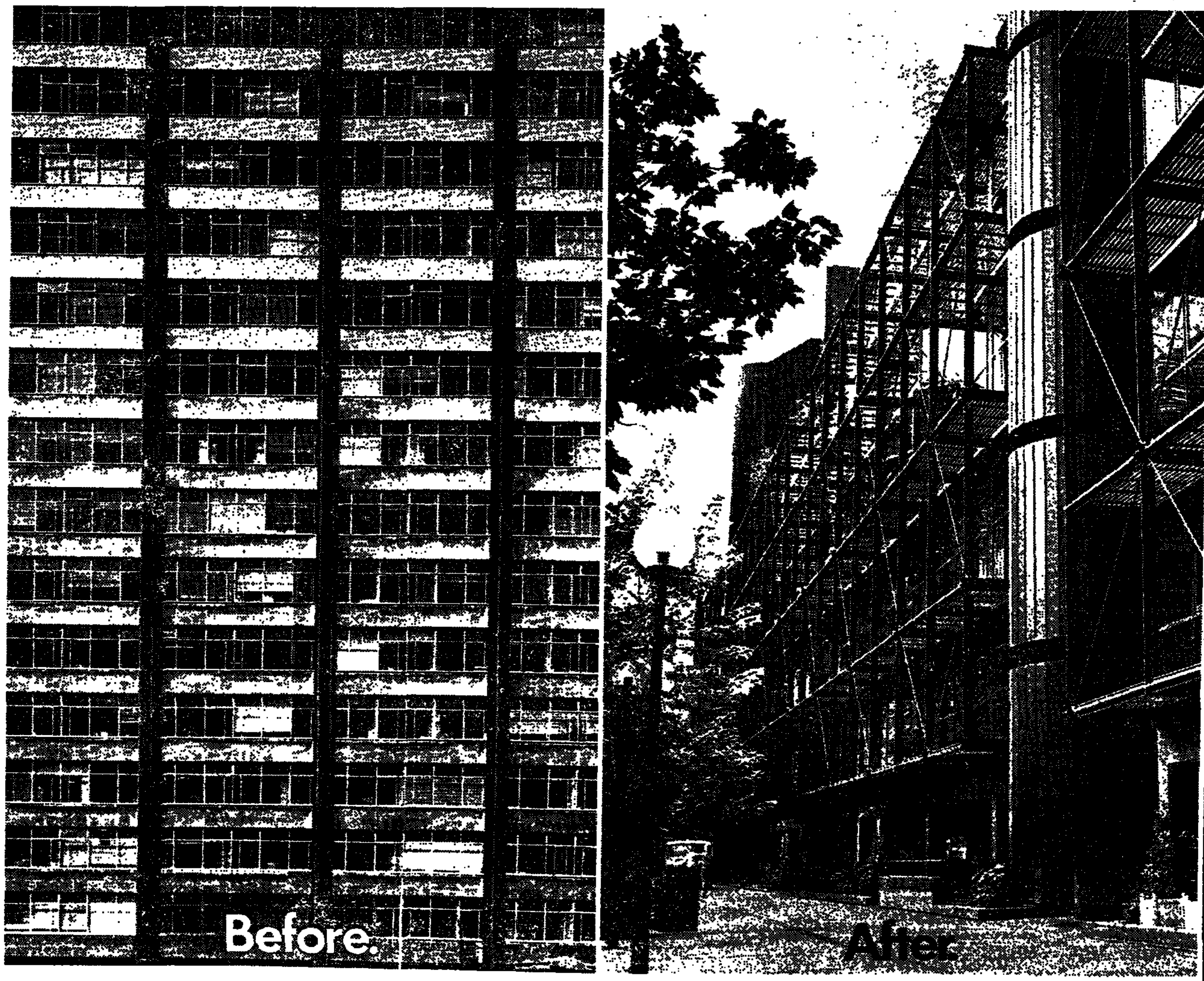

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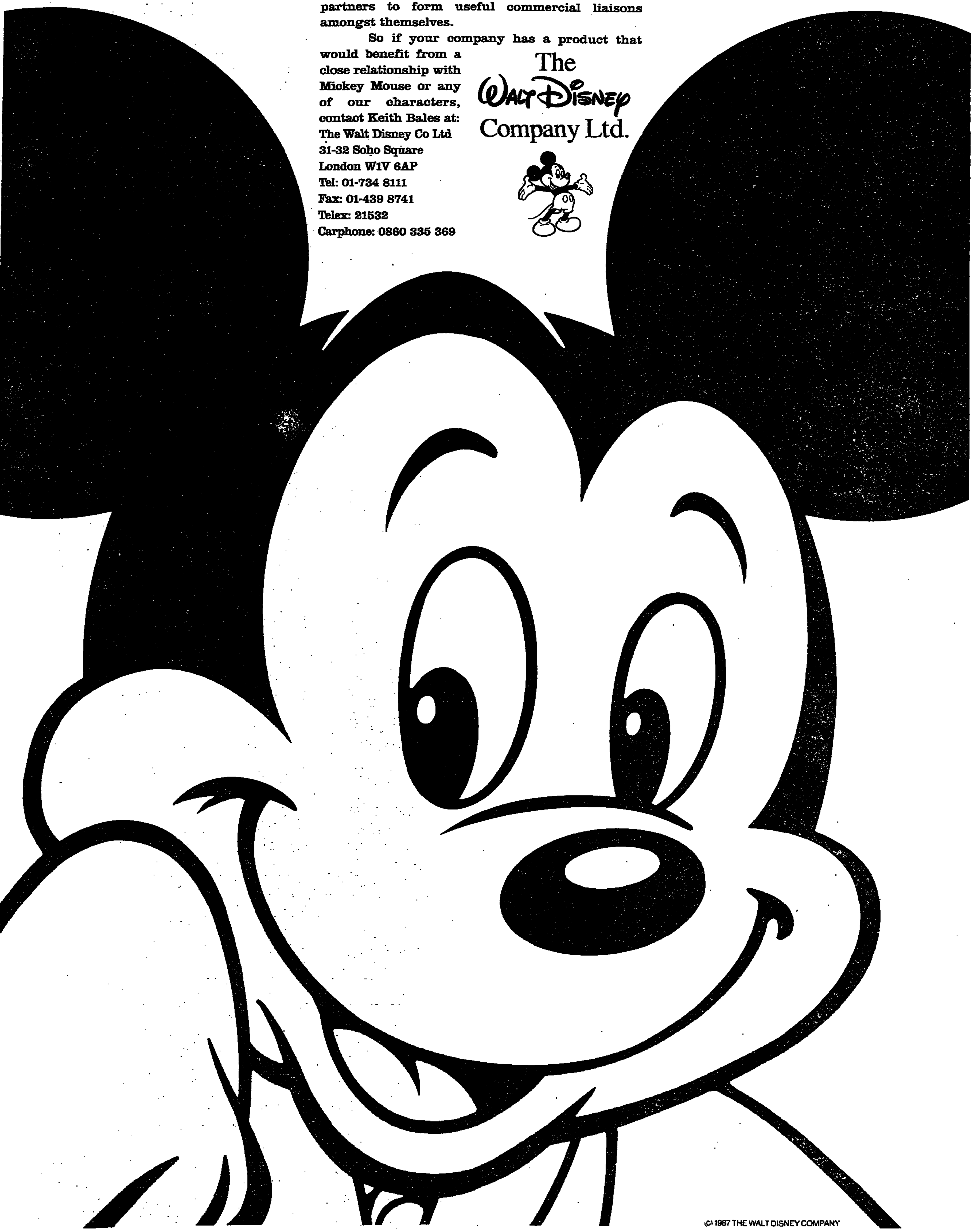

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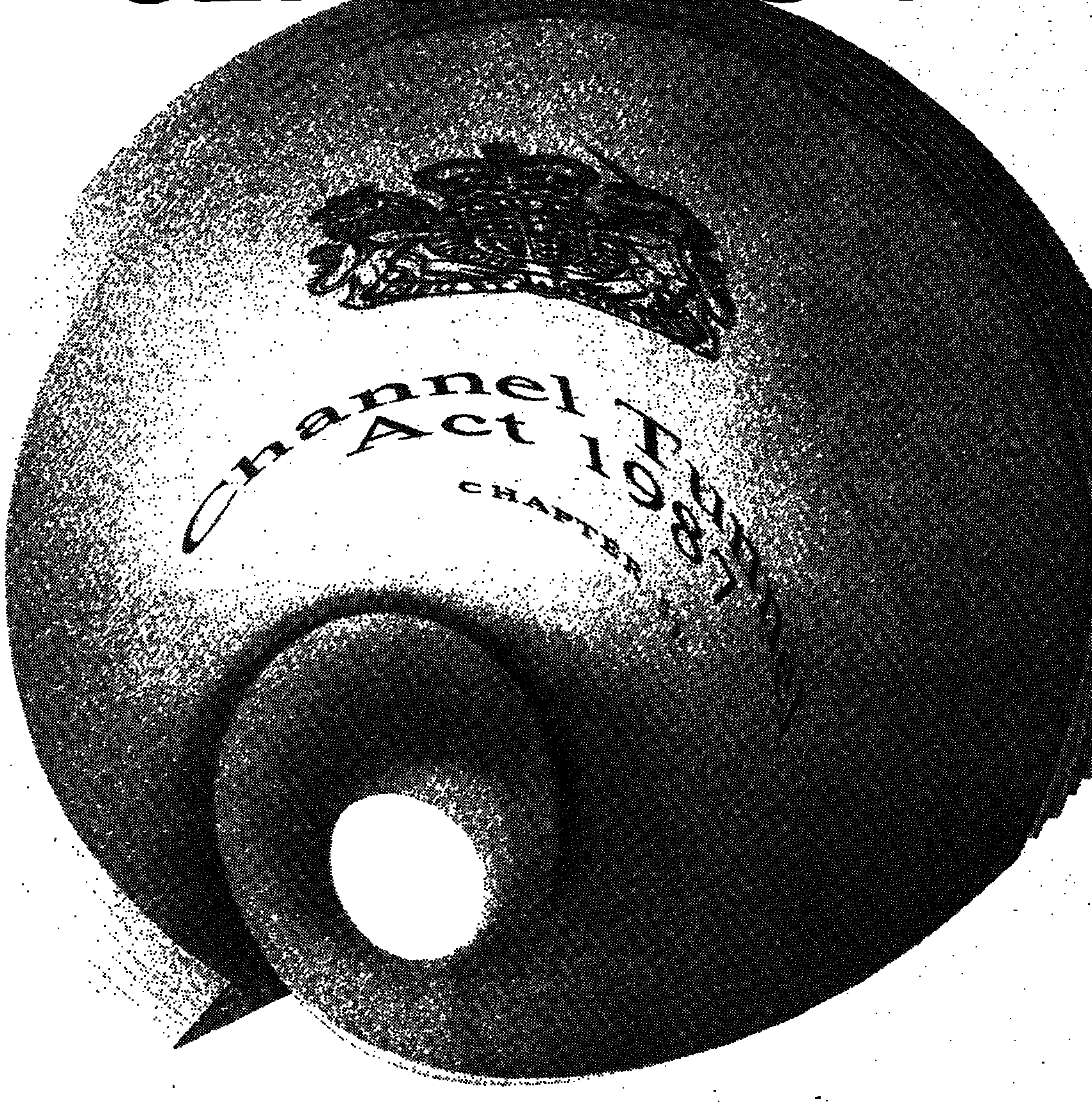

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
2	Parkfield	Industrials L-R	
3	Redland (aa)	Buildings,Roads	
4	Rugby Group	Buildings,Roads	
5	Christy Hunt	Industrials A-D	
6	Quick (HJ)	Motors,Aircraft	
7	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
8	Aerospace Eng	Industrials A-D	
9	Baggeridge Brick	Buildings,Roads	
10	Western Selection	Electricals	
11	Barker & Dobson	Foods	
12	Domino	Electricals	
13	Tunstall	Electricals	
14	Davy	Industrials A-D	
15	Dale Elec	Electricals	
16	Dinkie Heel	Industrials A-D	
17	Lees (John J)	Foods	
18	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
19	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
20	Assoc Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
21	Jaguar (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
22	Smith (WH) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
23	Tyne Tees TV	Cinemas,TV	
24	Crystalate	Electricals	
25	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
26	Appletree Hldgs	Foods	
27	Logica	Electricals	
28	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
29	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
30	Kwik Save	Foods	
31	Carless Capel	Oil & Gas	
32	Triplex	Industrials S-Z	
33	Rea Bros	Banks,Discount	
34	Concorde Energy	Oil & Gas	
35	McAlpine (Alfred)	Buildings,Roads	
36	Bremner	Drapery,Stores	
37	Smith Ind	Industrials S-Z	
38	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
39	Five Oaks	Property	
40	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
41	Morrison (W)	Foods	
42	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
43	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
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1987 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
102¼	94	Treas	12%	1987	100¼●	..	12.0	10.310
99¾	95¾	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	99⅝	..	7.8	9.438
102¼	96	Exch	10½%	1988	100⅛	..	10.5	10.141
101⅛	96½	Treas	C9¾%	1988	99⅞	..	9.8	10.236
97⅛	92¼	Treas	3%	1978-88	95⅝	..	3.1	7.654
101⅞	94⅝	Treas	9½%	1988	99¼●	..	9.6	10.169
105¼	95½	Treas	11½%	1989	101½	..	11.3	10.241
104⅞	96⅝	Treas	10½%	1989	100¼	..	10.5	10.259
103⅝	96⅞	Exch	10%	1989	99⅝	..	10.1	10.274

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
560	421	Midland (aa)	545	550	●+10	27.6	5.0	7.2
589	360	Morgan Grenfell	585	580	●+29	14.9	2.5	15.1
280	149	Nat Aust Bk	248	252	r -8			
790	536	Nat West (aa)	735	760	+3	29.5	3.9	7.7
370	122	Ottoman	370	-		8.0	2.2	12.1
440	278	Provident	373	378	●+3	18.5	4.9	13.0
160	135	Rea Bros	155	165	●+5	2.0	1.3	30.5
216	137	Rothschild (J) Hld	209	211	r ..	8.2	3.9	11.2
449	286	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	415	418	..	15.6	3.7	10.5
17	705	Schroders	15¾	16¼	● ..	22.6	1.4	25.3
843	728	Stand Chart (aa)	825	830	●+1	48.0	5.8	10.3
148	130	TSB (aa)	139	140	+2	6.5	4.7	
10⅛	680	Union	930	940		63.0	6.7	10.6
529	336	Warburg SG	512	517	+10	..	..	
179	122	Do 8% 'A'	178	179	+5	8.2	4.6	..
37⅞	27⅛	Wells Fargo	34	-	●+1⅛	..	..	
585	290	Wintrust	515	535	● ..	8.5	1.6	20.7

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	439	442	-1	15.8	3.6	13.0
10½	729	Bass (aa)	10	10	..	24.1	2.4	18.5
77	61	Belhaven	64	65	..	1.0	1.6	23.2
151½	124	Boddingtons	146	148	●-1	5.1	3.5	16.1
784	537	Brown (Matthew)	780	787	+4	20.2b	2.6	27.3
212	131	Buckleys	207	211	..	4.4	2.1	64.5
289	141	Bulmer (H P)	220	224	+1	7.9	3.6	15.8
195	165	Burtonwood Brew	175	180	..	4.0	2.2	28.8
535	440	Clark (Matthew)	530	530	●-1	12.3	2.3	17.6
358	202	Devenish (JA)	350	357	-1	4.0	1.1	40.0
279½	187	Greenall Whitley	244	248	-1	7.8	3.2	14.8
435	259	Greene King	433	436	+4	8.9	2.0	22.3
390	264	Guinness (aa)	373	377	●+3	12.6b	3.4	13.4
795	472	Hardys & Hansons	790	800	..	26.4	3.3	17.4
94	68	Highland Dist	91	93	..	3.1	3.4	17.8
223	138	Invergordon Dist	211	215	● ..	7.5	3.5	13.9
225	145	Irish Dist	232	237	..	6.0	2.6	
154	113	Marston Thompson	141	142	..	3.5	2.5	17.9
603	345	Morland	565	575	..	9.9	1.7	27.7
470	151	SA Breweries	425	440	..			
270	170	Scot & New (aa)	258	260	-2	10.9	4.2	14.4
582	408	Vaux	567	573	+1	18.6	3.3	20.2
385	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	325	330	+4	12.2	3.7	13.8
400	248	Do 'B'	380	390	..	12.2	3.2	16.2
365	210	Whitbread Inv	338	348	..	11.3	3.3	30.9
412	277½	Wolverhampton & D	410	413	+3	7.0	1.7	23.2
477	274	Young 'A'	457	467	..	11.6	2.5	26.9

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
840	193	Abbey	530	550	●+15	..	..	..
330	222	Aberdeen Constr	305	312		12.1	3.9	24.5
449	278	Amec	403	405	+3	16.6	4.1	15.3
88½	28	Anglo Utd	66	68	● ..	1.4	2.1	
147	88	Arncliffe	140	150	+2	3.8	2.6	34.8
383	217	Atkinson	385	390	+3	8.2	2.1	21.5
882	329	BPB Ind (aa)	345	350	-8	8.6	2.5	15.1
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	360	370	+7	2.7	0.9	41.2
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	68	71		0.9	1.3	14.0
252	158	Barratt Devs	224	228	●+1	12.2	5.4	14.9
327	169	Bellway	286	289		10.3	3.6	15.3
305	128	Bellwinch	145	150	●+2	4.4	3.0	13.0
530	134	Berkeley Gp	430	435		3.4	0.8	25.2
148	65	Bett Bros	118	122	-2	4.5	3.7	33.3
28	137	Blockleys	475	525	● ..	7.4	1.5	41.8
574	335	Blue Circle (aa)	487	490	●+14	18.5	3.8	13.2
425	209	Breedon PLC	237	257	● ..	8.2	3.3	
253	86	Br Dredging	240	250	+12	5.5	2.2	44.5
61	14½	Brown & Jackson	55½	57	-1½			
146	79	Bryant	138	140	●+1	3.8	2.7	14.2
38½	11	Burnett & Hallam	23½	25				2.7
282	149	CRH	175	180	●+3	..	..	..

ELECTRICALS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
486	320	AB Elect	476	485	r ..	17.1	3.6	26.1
175	143	Acorn Comp	144	149	-1	2.9	2.0	21.0
469	207	Alphameric	417	422	+2	3.4	0.8	23.5
224½	131	Amstrad (aa)	183	184	+6½	1.0	0.5	10.7
140	45	Apricot Computers	137	140	+4			18.5
242	108	Arlen	208	210	●+2	2.7b	1.3	18.7
800	286	Atlantic Comp	690	700	●-5	6.9	1.0	20.1
183	73	Audio Fidelity	163	173				68.3
328	136	Auto Sec	325	330	●+23	2.7	0.8	24.3
436	269	BICC (aa)	419	421		16.8	4.0	22.1
148	94	BSR	140	143	+2	3.8	2.7	25.8
244	134	Black	211	216	+2	4.7	2.2	19.5
281	92	Borland	212	217				
350	184	Bowthorpe	232	239	r +7	4.4b	1.9	29.5
249	74	Britannia Security	245	248	r +3	2.2	0.9	27.1
337	209	Br Telecom (aa)	265	267	+3½	11.6	4.4	12.7
155	98	Brown Boveri Kent	137	142	-1	5.1	3.6	14.4
51	15	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	32	37		0.1	0.3	59.3
306	182	CAP Group	280	285	+1	2.5	0.9	27.2
148	77	CASE	99	103	+4	0.1	0.1	8.5
510	323	Cable Wireless (aa)	502	505	● ..	7.6	1.5	26.2
328	223	Cambridge Elec	290	294	●+6	11.2	3.8	18.7
136	102	Cambridge Instr	112	115	+1	1.0	0.9	12.5
117	53½	Chloride	95	97	+½	2.6	2.7	26.2
265	163	Coles Intl	235	248	● ..	5.2	2.2	24.2
515	164	Cray Elect	248	258	s	3.5	1.4	27.7
301	210	Crystalate	238	243	+3	7.3	3.0	13.2
195	123	DDT Group	120	125		1.6	1.3	21.8
135	59	Dale Elec	132	137	●+7	4.8	3.6	27.9
65	34	Dewhurst	58	59	●+1	1.7	2.9	22.2
64	30	Do 'A'	54	57	●+1	1.7	3.0	21.5
645	318	Domino	540	580	+3	3.1	0.6	36.1
78	45	Dowding & Mills	70	73	-1	2.3	3.2	18.7
245	158	Dubilier	213	217	-1	4.5	2.1	20.2
264	187	Electrocomponents	232	235	s ..	5.1	2.2	18.4
158	99	Elec Data Process	145	150	..	2.5	1.7	17.7
270	55	Electronic Mach	188	195	● ..	0.4	0.2	
88	48	Electronic Rentals	82	84	..	4.4	5.3	32.4
510	289	Emess Lighting	498	503	..	9.3	1.9	27.8
505	273	Eurotherm	437	447	●+3	7.2	1.6	23.8
213	83½	FKI Elect	172	174	-1	1.9	1.1	23.5
278	188	Farnell Elect	237	241	●-2	3.8	1.6	21.6
153	98	Ferranti (aa)	137	138	+16½	2.7	2.0	19.2
116	51	Forward Tech	95	98	r +6	1.0	1.0	18.4
251	160	GEC (aa)	229	220	●+3½	7.3	3.2	14.7

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
705	452	BAT (aa)	695	697	●-6	21.0	3.0	16.5
183	118	Carreras	165	170	● ..	..	..	..
460	236	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	453	457	●-4	10.6	2.3	12.6

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General	197.5	210.1	+2.4	2.14
Japan	92.2	98.0●	-1.5	..
UK Growth Inc	194.0	208.3●	+1.7	1.02
Do Accum	284.4	302.5●	+2.5	0.70
US Emerging Co's	58.9	62.6●	+0.1	0.00
Income & Growth	324.2	344.8	+2.0	2.19
Mastertst Acc	92.1	97.9	+0.4	1.70
American Inc	54.8	58.2●	+0.1	4.50

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Europe Growth Acc	135.0	143.8	-0.8	1.33
Exempt	493.8	507.4●	+1.2	3.61
Far Eastern	264.0	282.3●	-2.2	0.10
Fin & Prop	112.4	119.1	+1.1	1.44
High Yield	91.5	96.9c	+0.6	3.78
Income & Gth	371.5	393.5●	+2.7	3.28
Intl Earnings	243.9	258.4●	+1.3	1.71
Intl Growth Inc	120.9	128.8●	-0.3	0.33
Japan Growth Acc	144.9	155.0	-2.5	0.20
Nth Amer Gen Inc	156.0	165.8	+0.4	0.44
Preference Inc	121.2	128.4c	+0.2	9.78
Small Co's Div Inc	112.0	118.6	+0.5	3.01
Small Co's Gth	417.3	442.1●	+4.0	0.99
Special Sits Inc	209.9	222.4	+1.7	0.62
UK Growth	492.9	522.1c	+4.7	2.08

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	56.2	59.8	+0.3	1.55
Australian	34.2	36.4●	-1.6	0.09
Japan & General	156.3	166.3●	-1.2	0.03
High Income	71.7	76.3●	+0.5	4.04
International Trust	128.5	136.8	+0.8	0.42
Income Growth Tst	82.7	88.0	+0.7	3.43
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.2	23.7●	+0.1	10.12
Global Inc Fund	47.4	50.5	-0.9	3.90
Special Situations	86.5	92.1	+0.6	0.99

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	101.0	106.8●	..	2.09
European Gth Inc	79.7	84.3●	..	1.10
Extra Income	115.7	122.4c	..	3.59

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Accum	71.4	76.0●	+0.4	2.29
Worldwide Inc	61.9	66.2	-0.3	0.86
Do Accum	62.0	66.3	+0.2	0.86
Gamma Fund Inc	49.9	53.1	..	0.71
Do Accum	49.9	53.1	..	0.71

COUNTY UT MANAGERS
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Grth Strat	78.5	83.8c	+0.1	0.83
Extra Income	256.2	271.1c	+1.6	3.55
Financial	277.8	293.9	+2.2	1.39
Sth East Asia Grth	103.2	109.2	..	0.74
Gt Br Cos	432.6	457.7	+3.4	1.93
Income & Growth	65.2	68.5●	+0.5	2.87
Japanese Growth	248.5	263.0●	-2.0	0.20
Nth Amer Growth	127.1	134.4	+0.5	0.77
Intl Recovery	183.4	194.0	-0.4	1.19
Smaller Co's	430.0	455.0●	+3.2	1.00
Global Inc Tst	69.7	73.7●	+0.4	4.97
Special Sits Acc	487.8	516.1	+7.4	1.22

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Trust	148.6	158.1	+0.5	0.63
Canadian Gth	24.2	25.7	+0.1	1.50
European Trust	142.5	151.6	-0.7	..
Growth Trust	340.8	362.6	+2.4	2.38
High Income Trust	395.5	420.7●	+3.1	3.87
Intl Tech Trust	147.5	156.9	+0.7	..
Japanese Trust	209.9	223.3	-3.4	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
0737-242424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Growth	67.7	72.1	..	1.20
Euro Special Sits	50.3	53.6	..	1.30
International	49.4	52.8	..	3.50
N American Growth	47.8	50.9	..	1.00
Pacific Growth	70.8	75.4	..	0.40
UK Growth Accum	93.3	99.3●	..	0.50
Do Dist	91.0	96.9●	..	0.50
UK Income	71.7	76.3●	..	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fund	78.4	83.5	-0.6	1.20
Capital Fund	169.3	180.3	-0.3	0.94
Eurofund	30.4	32.3	..	1.55
Growth & Inc Fund	214.1	228.0	+0.4	2.40
High Dist Fund	185.9	197.3	-0.1	3.41
International Fund	265.0	282.1	-4.8	0.85
Pacific Fund	37.2	39.6	+0.3	0.63
Resources Fund	37.8	40.2	-0.4	0.00
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	40.1	42.7	+0.5	..
Tokyo Fund	200.1	213.1●	-0.3	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	161.3	165.7●	..	1.61

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	81.9	87.2	..	4.15
Income	103.0	109.5●	..	2.34
Growth	116.1	123.6●	..	0.87
Property Shares	65.8	70.1	..	1.41

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
88¼	64½	Br Assets	88½	89½	●+1	3.2b	3.6	40.6
57	38	Br Empire Sec	56	57½	+½	0.8	1.4	..
643	478	Br Inv	612	617	+4	23.3	3.8	30.3
148	105	Brunner	144	145	+2	3.6	2.5	59.2
853	785	Cont & Ind	835	840	● ..	54.8	6.6	19.5
158½	116	Crescent Japan	149	150	+½	0.2	0.1	..
180	143	Derby Inc	161	164	..	13.2	8.1	17.9
278	172	Do Cap	273	278	+3	..	..	
570	375	Drayton Cons	567	572	+3	15.1	2.6	52.9
292	203	Drayton Far East	287	290	-1	1.6	0.6	..
898	683	Drayton Japan	895	900	+10	1.4e	0.2	..
385	224	Dundee Lon	386	389	+2	8.5	2.2	63.7
135½	109	Edin Amer Asset	131	133	+1	0.9	0.7	..
210	164	Edinburgh	209	211	+1½	5.1	2.4	56.9
613	123	Electric Gen	125	129	..	..	..	
277	175	English Int	275	278	+2	5.8	2.1	63.7
152	107	English Scot	151	153	●+2	2.2	1.4	94.4
102	74	Ensign	101	103	r ..	1.2	1.2	..
174	86	F & C Alliance	92	94	+1	1.4	1.5	80.2
310	246	F & C Eurotrust	308	312	..	2.5	0.8	..
158½	123	F & C Pacific	157	158	-½	1.4	0.9	..
29	12½	First Charlotte	23	24½	+1	0.1	0.4	..
533	342	First Scot Amer	517	520	●+5	17.1	3.3	41.9
165½	124	Fleming American	160	162	+½	2.1	1.3	..
320	203	Fleming Claver	318	322	+6	7.7	2.4	55.7
603	330	Fleming Enterprise	600	605	+5	12.7	2.1	71.8
233	150	Fleming Far East	232	233	-½	1.1	0.5	..
291	145	Fleming Fledging	288	293	+3	3.5	1.2	..
417	147	Fleming Japan	213	214	+½	4.8e	2.2	99.8
235	174	Fleming Mercantile	233	236	●+4½	5.1	2.2	63.0
278	165½	Fleming Overseas	217	219	●+4	3.1	1.4	98.0
241	166	Fleming Tech	239	242	+4	0.8	0.3	..
199	156	Fleming Universal	197	200	+2	2.1	1.1	..
145	113½	For Col	144½	145½	●+1	2.4	1.7	84.3
120	99	GBC Capital	111	113	..	..	..	
326	223	GT Japan	308	313	●+5	1.9	0.6	..
463	328	General Cons	456	460	..	19.9b	4.3	34.5
294	216	General Fund	285	290	..	3.0	1.0	..
198	128½	Globe (ai)	191	192	+2½	5.6	2.9	43.0
175	145	Govett Atlantic	173	174	+1½	4.1b	2.4	52.3
407	254	Govett Oriental	406	408	●+1	3.2	0.8	..
433	269	Govett Strategy	432	434	+2	5.2	1.2	..

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
151	112	Kleinwort Charter	150	152	+1	3.8b	2.5	57.6
181	147	Kleinwort O'seas	180	182	●+1	3.4	1.9	73.3
645	283	Kleinwort Smaller	640	650	● ..	13.0	2.0	67.8
372	261	Law Debenture	358	361	●+3	11.0b	3.1	37.7
71	68	Lon Amer Venture	68	70				
143	83	Lon Merchant Sec	129	132	●+2	3.8	2.9	26.5
190½	134	Merchants	184	185	●+½	6.7	3.6	39.9
30¼	19½	Merrill Lynch	23⅞	-				
300	236	Monks	299	301	●+3	3.8	1.3	97.4
235	187	Murray Income	233	236	●+2	9.3b	4.0	38.1
226	178	Murray Intl	224	227	+3	7.2	3.2	44.9
247	189	Murray Small	244	247	●+1	2.4b	1.0	..
302	225	Murray Venture	300	304	..	6.9b	2.3	68.8
102	64	New Darien Oil	101	103	+2	1.0e	1.0	..
101	62½	Nothing Inc 83	99	101	..	6.3	6.3	20.1
156	116	New Tokyo	154	155	s -1	0.3e	0.2	..
447	375	Nth Atlantic Sec	445	449	+5	4.7	1.1	..
54	30	Nth Sea Assets	49	52	..	..	..	15.1
485	415	Nthn Amer	484	486	+2	7.4	1.5	..
210	116	Pacific Assets	192	195	-5	1.1	0.6	..
141	53	Do Wmts	120	124	-6			..
66	41	Personal Assets	65	67	..	0.7	1.1	..
583	448	Raeburn	580	585	+15	22.6b	3.9	46.9
132	97	River & Merc	117	120	..			
439	294	River Plate	436	441	+4	12.7	2.9	47.5
345	295	Robeco	330	-	..	..	..	..
326	260	Rolinco	317	-	-3	..	..	..
454	338	Romney	449	452	+10	6.9	1.5	..
16¼	15	Rorento	15⅛	-				
235	160	St Andrew Inv Tst	233	236	●+2	5.3b	2.3	68.6
282	225	Schroder Global	280	284	+6	5.8	2.1	61.3
508	407	Scottish	505	508	+1	9.4	1.9	77.4
118	89½	Scot American	116	117	●+½	2.7b	2.3	66.6
178½	132	Scot Eastern	177	179	●+1	3.0	1.7	80.9
140	85	Scot Merc 'A'	134	137	+1	8.9	5.1	27.4
150½	115	Scot Mtge	145	147	+½	2.7	1.8	74.1
480	331	Scot Nat	475	480	+2	8.2	1.7	80.2
945	757	Second Alliance	940	945	●+4	28.8	3.1	42.3
130	97	Secs Tst of Scotlnd	129½	130½	+1	4.3	3.3	42.2
149	74	Smaller Cos	148	150	..	1.4	0.9	..
338	207	Steel Bros	233	240	● ..	12.7	5.4	12.2
189	114	TR Australia	187	190	+2	3.2	1.7	56.4

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
96½	64½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	95½	96½	..	3.2	3.3	40.5
168½	112¼	TR Ind & Gen	157½	159	●+½	3.0	1.9	63.4
194	98	TR Natural Res	101	103	+1	2.8	2.7	45.3
143	97	TR North America	119	121	..	2.7	2.3	53.6
314	204	TR Pacific Basin	308	312	●-1	1.4	0.5	
129	73	TR Property	125	127	+½	1.9	1.5	77.3
90	59	TR Tech	89	91	+1	1.3	1.4	76.3
155	94	TR Trustees	154	155	..	3.0	1.9	62.1
269	166	Temple Bar	286	288	+2	8.9	3.3	38.9
575	325	Throgmorton	570	575	+4	13.2	2.3	61.9
530	275	Throg Dual	480	490	+5	..	..	..
221	165	Tribune	218	221	+1	4.6	2.1	51.8
98	85	Triplevest Inc	97	98½	+1	18.5	18.9	7.6
193	48	GT USDC	185	190	..	1.8	1.0	
73	42	Value Inc Tst	80	82	..	1.7	2.8	84.7
100	43½	Viking Resources	85	88	● ..	2.7	3.1	54.0
138	62½	Westpool	127	132	● ..	2.3	1.8	73.0
161½	119	Witan	160½	161½	+½	2.7	1.7	77.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50⅝	18	American Express	21⅞	-				
203	90	Argyle	200	205	+2	2.7	1.3	60.8
84	29	Boustead	72	74	..	0.1	0.1	
213	149	Britannia Arrow	210	211	●-1	7.5	3.6	18.5
44	18	Daily Mail	41	43	+1	89.0	2.1	25.4
42	23	Do 'A'	39	41	+1	88.0	2.2	24.1
83½	10½	Eagle Trust	37¼	38	+½			
254½	159	Electra	253	255	+1	4.0	1.6	47.7
179	91	Eng Trust	177	180	..	4.1	2.3	19.6
240	88	Exploration	225	235	● ..	3.4	1.5	24.9
13	780	Framlington	12¼	12½	● ..	19.2	1.5	19.4
285	128	Frost Go	262	267	+2	7.9	3.0	25.6
343	183	GT Management	340	345	+10	8.9	2.0	17.8
270	173	Goode Durrant	242	247	-1	3.4	1.4	34.7
17¼	863	Henderson Admin	17⅛	17⅜	..	34.3	2.0	21.5
289	189	ICH	262	267	-2	12.3	4.8	11.7
716	427	MAI	693	700	+4	27.4	3.9	12.6
585	308	MAM	585	595	+10	8.9	1.2	21.6
405	265	M & G	397	402	+15	9.6	2.4	29.5
596	297	Mercantile House	590	600	..	5.8	1.0	21.8
298	148	Smith New Court	285	290	+5	11.0	3.8	14.2
474	259	Tyndall Hldgs	432	440	r -5	6.9	1.6	27.4

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Net trade in Crude was virtually non-existent due to the uncertain political climate. Trade favoured the spreads with differentials narrowing throughout the day. Products remained stable to slightly firmer in moderate activity.

Crude oils/assessed
$/BBL FOB

Brent Phys:	18.55	
15 day Oct:	18.65	-05
15 day Nov:	18.60	-05
WTI Nov:	19.60	-05
WTI Dec:	19.50	-05

PRODUCTS
Buy/sell ranges $/MT
Spot Cif Nwe - prompt deliver

Prem Gas .15:		179-181	
Gasoil EEC:	+1	164-166	+1
Non 2H Oct:		160-161	
Non 1H Nov:	+2	162-163	+2
3.5 Fuel Oil:	+2	98-100	+2
Naphta:		165-166	

GAS OIL (G W Joynson)

Oct	161.50-61.25
Nov	163.25-63.00
Dec	165.25-65.00
Jan	166.50-66.25
Feb	166.00-63.00
Mar	164.00-60.00
Apr	162.00-55.00
May	164.00-56.00
Jun	164.00-54.00
Vol:	3462

HEAVY FUEL OIL (Reuters)

Oct	98.50-unq.
Nov	100.7-01.0
Vol:	11

LONDON FOX
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Dec	147.8-47.6
Mar	158.2-58.0
May	162.6-62.2
Aug	166.6-66.4
Oct	171.0-70.4
Dec	176.0-74.0
Vol:	3196

COCOA

Dec	1194-93
Mar	1226-25
May	1247-46
Jul	1270-69
Sep	1290-87
Dec	1312-07
Mar	1335-34
Vol:	6307

COFFEE

Nov	1310-1308
Jan	1340-1339
Mar	1361-1360
May	1380-1378
Jul	1395-1392
Sep	1410-1405
Nov	1440-1430
Vol:	3831

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices
Official Volume previous day
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in cents per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	1135.5-1136.5
Three Months	1114.0-1115.0
Vol	259625
Tone	Steady Lower Levels

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1132.0-1135.0
Three Months	1110.0-1113.0
Vol	150
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	367.00-368.00
Three Months	363.50-364.00
Vol	55825
Tone	Irregular

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	470.00-472.00
Three Months	473.00-473.50
Vol	35525
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	752.00-755.00
Three Months	768.00-771.00
Vol	18
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	752.00-755.00
Three Months	768.00-771.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	1195.0-1200.0
Three Months	1105.0-1106.0
Vol	174200
Tone	Irregular

ALUMINIUM HIGH GRADE
($ per tonne)

Three Months	1815.0-1825.0
Vol	18400
Tone	Idle

NICKEL

Cash	3305-3310
Three Months	3300-3305
Vol	6606
Tone	Very Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 1

GB: Cattle, 96.59p per kg lw (+0.61)
GB: Sheep 171.90p per kg* (+16.05)
GB: Pigs, 77.35p per kg lw (+3.91)
* est. dead carcase weight

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
440	180	Abelscot Group	400	430	-10
54½	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	43	48	n/c
150	110	Allied Insurance	140	150	n/c
285	121	Broadcast Commun	265	275	+23
98	36	Catalyst Comm	95	99	n/c
150	24	Corton Beach	120	125	-5
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	26	28	+1
41	8	Do. Warrants	16	18	+2
82	17	Publishing Holdings	67	70	+2
85½	45½	Theme Holdings	71	74	-2
139½	112½	Unit Group	137f	142f	f

England & Wales: Cattle up 4.9 %, av price, 96.01p(+0.51) Sheep up 24.7 %, av price, 171.88p(+15.29) Pig down 17.0 %, av price, 77.40p(+4.06)

Scotland: Cattle down 19.8 %, av price, 98.78p(+1.39) Sheep up 5.5 %, av price, 172.02p(+19.12) Pig down 15.9 %, av price, 76.15p(+0.37)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	99.00	99.00
Nov	100.70	101.00
Feb	96.30	96.30
Apr	98.50	98.50
		Vol: 15

Live Cattle Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	96.50	96.50
Nov	97.70	97.70
Feb	98.50	98.50
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	107.90	102.90
Jan	109.60	104.60
Mar	111.90	106.60
May	114.35	108.50
Jul	116.10	unq.
Sep	99.50	96.50

Vol: Wheat 480
Barley 73

SOYABEAN

Oct	136.2-35.2
Dec	135.6-35.0
Feb	136.6-35.5
Apr	137.0-36.3
Jun	130.0-29.6
Aug	128.0-25.0
Oct	130.0-27.0
Vol:	158

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	82.50	83.00
Feb	92.80	93.30
Mar	85.90	86.00
Apr	131.50	131.90
		Vol: 470

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Oct 87	1125-1105	1121.5
Jan 88	1200-1175	1199.0
Apr 88	1233-1200	1230.0
Jul 88	—	1090.0

Vol: 345 lots Open int: 1681
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
1052.0 up 7.0 on 30/9/87

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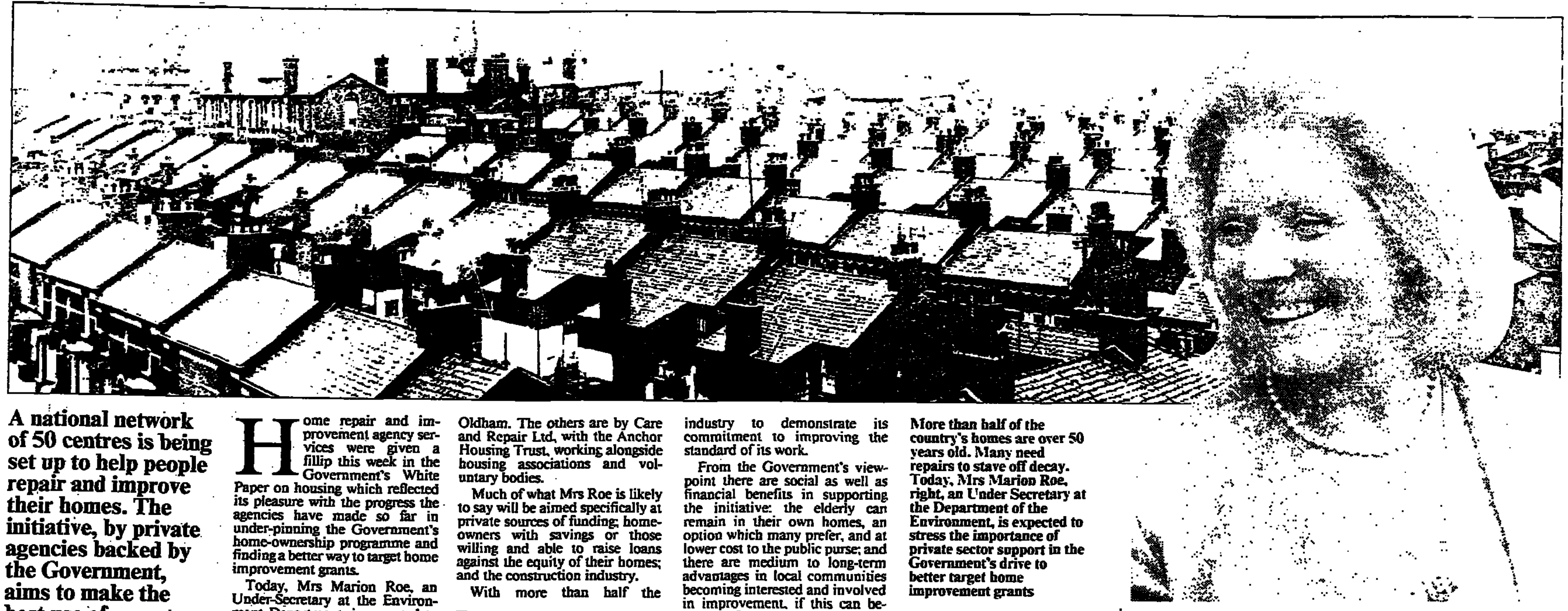
The £6m boost for better homes



A national network of 50 centres is being set up to help people repair and improve their homes. The initiative, by private agencies backed by the Government, aims to make the best use of improvement grants following cutbacks

John Patten, the former Housing Minister, launched the £6 million initiative

Home repair and improvement agency services were given a fillip this week in the Government's White Paper on housing which reflected its pleasure with the progress the agencies have made so far in under-pinning the Government's home-ownership programme and finding a better way to target home improvement grants.

Today, Mrs Marion Roe, an Under-Secretary at the Environment Department, is expected to concentrate on these two aspects when she addresses delegates to the National Home Improvement Council's presentation in London on its Neighbourhood Revitalization Services scheme.

Home-owners, particularly the elderly, will benefit most under a £6 million initiative launched last November by John Patten, then Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction.

By March 1988, a countrywide network of 50 centres will have been established to offer practical advice and help.

The private and voluntary sectors are spearheading the campaign but rely on central government funding for pump-priming, and the goodwill of local authorities for its implementation.

Half the new centres are being set up by the National Home Improvement Council, which has four pilot projects underway in Bedford, Gloucester, Sheffield and Oldham. The others are by Care and Repair Ltd, with the Anchor Housing Trust, working alongside housing associations and voluntary bodies.

Much of what Mrs Roe is likely to say will be aimed specifically at private sources of funding; home-owners with savings or those willing and able to raise loans against the equity of their homes; and the construction industry.

Government funding will depend on performance

With more than half the country's housing stock more than 50 years old, it is in everyone's interest to secure increased spending on homes which are in a serious state of disrepair but which are structurally sound.

Now attention is to be focused on ensuring that investment is effective, and that the repairs undertaken are essential rather than purely cosmetic.

After its drastic cuts in home improvement grants from the level of a few years ago — to around £400 million a year now — the Government wants the private sector to make up the balance.

It also wants the construction industry to demonstrate its commitment to improving the standard of its work.

From the Government's viewpoint there are social as well as financial benefits in supporting the initiative: the elderly can remain in their own homes, an option which many prefer, and at lower cost to the public purse; and there are medium to long-term advantages in local communities becoming interested and involved in improvement, if this can become self-sustaining.

The performance of the Neighbourhood Revitalization Services scheme, which receives £2 million of public funding, and the Care and Repair Scheme, which receives £1 million, is being closely monitored by the independent School for Advanced Urban Studies in Bristol, as well as by the Environment Department.

They are assessing progress, the successful elements of which might justify further subsidy, and how much spending is generated by the agency services which would not take place otherwise.

Ministers are keen to impress on all the parties involved that the services are still very much in their "experimental" phase and that any extension of the public funding already committed will be rigorously measured against performance.

No doubt the Treasury will argue for self-financing schemes, and the Environment Department would like the role of the agency services to expand eventually into other areas of renewal.

More than half of the country's homes are over 50 years old. Many need repairs to stave off decay. Today, Mrs Marion Roe, right, an Under Secretary at the Department of the Environment, is expected to stress the importance of private sector support in the Government's drive to better target home improvement grants

These will depend on a process of hard bargaining between the agencies and the Government.

With the construction industry doing quite well in terms of workload and profitability at the moment, ministers argue that many opportunities are waiting to be exploited, and ultimately it is up to the industry to decide how vigorously to pursue the NRS option.

Neither side rules out the possibility of the National Home Improvement Council, or its service, becoming a powerful voice in housing policy through its lobbying activity and demonstration partnership schemes proving to be successful and cost-effective.

Naturally there is a tendency in government circles for questions to be raised about how *little* need be spent to extract the maximum private sector commitment: whether smaller home improvement grants — say, 25 per cent rather than 75 per cent, or even 90 per cent in discretionary cases — could be equally effective in obtaining results in more prosperous parts of the country.

Similarly, local authorities will have to come to terms over the next few months with the new provisions of the White Paper: for means-testing grant applicants; enforcing the mandatory and discretionary elements of the new grant (it replaces four previously); combining the criteria for housing and general improvement areas in a single housing renewal area; the implications of group repair schemes; and clarification of their own powers to support agency services when the Environment Secretary is also empowered to intervene directly.

The potential role of agency services, such as those provided by the NHIC and Care and Repair, is enormous, and the relief of housing stress is likely to become more prominent on every political agenda over the next few years.

While it may take several years before the extent of their success can be measured empirically, there is enough optimism, enthusiasm — and realism — among the public, private and voluntary sectors to ensure that they are made to work as effectively as possible.

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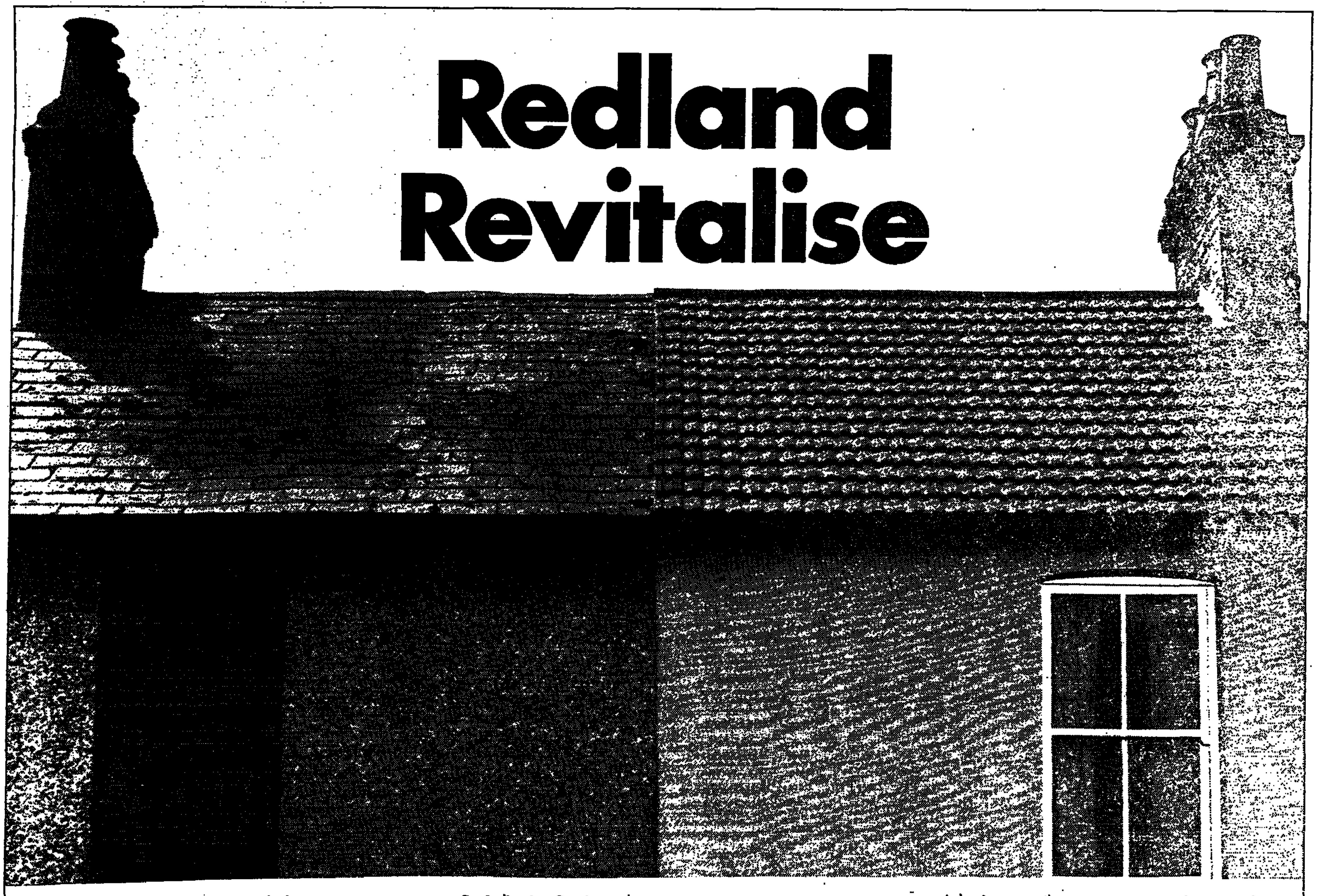

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With these words, Ernest Cantle concluded his director’s report on the National Home Improvement Council’s activities last year. But he also, *writes Charles Knevitt*, took the opportunity to comment on the Government’s lack of a coherent housing policy, the frequent and disruptive changes of Ministers within the Department of the Environment and the way the annual allocation of housing investment programme to local authorities ensures that they cannot plan ahead to sustain an agreed strategy.

Mr Cantle’s disarmingly frank analysis of problems which beset those involved in housing policy and implementation belie his avuncular manner. He joined NHIC in 1978, three years after it was formed, from the National Farmers’ Union, surely the most effective lobby in the country. Now he is applying his skills on behalf of the construction industry.

He heads an organization with just over 100 members, taking in building-material producers and merchants, some of the bigger builders, professional institutions such as those for architects and surveyors, and environmental-health officers.

The power industries – coal, gas and electricity – were among the founders, but the NHIC does not hide beneath a cloak of public service altruism; its aim is primarily to increase business for those who share the £4,000 million home-improvement market.

The scale of the present housing crisis can be gauged from the council’s estimate that £46,000 million needs to be spent in the private and public sectors to bring the country’s homes to a basic minimum standard. This figure may be difficult to comprehend, but it represents about £2,300 a household.

Mr Cantle said: “It doesn’t all have to be spent in one go, of course. The Government cannot be expected to hand it over on a plate.” It is a fact of life, nevertheless, that “the poorest people live in the worst housing, and they need financial support to put their house right.”

It has been the policy of successive governments since 1919 to provide housing, through local authorities, for those least able to house themselves. It was a mistake, he believes, to attempt to dismantle this policy almost overnight. When Labour’s housing minister, Anthony Crosland, told councils in 1974 that “the party is over”, he was referring to new houses. Unfortunately, in the Housing Green Paper three years’ later, no account was taken of deterioration of existing housing stock.

Buildings deteriorate rapidly if repairs and maintenance are not carried out, and investment is needed as a preventative measure. Recent governments of both parties have neglected this, while some abroad – in West Germany, for example – plan to introduce “tax breaks” for home-owners carrying out such work.

Mr Cantle said: “Housing subsidy is not like food subsidy. Some sectors of society simply cannot do anything at all without 90 per cent to 100 per cent support.”

While this week’s White Paper anticipates a far greater role for housing associations in looking after social needs, they are not geared up to do it, Mr Cantle commented: “The goal posts have been moved in the middle of the game.”

So the role of agency services, such as the council’s Neighbourhood Revitalization Services scheme (NRS), becomes an important factor in dealing with the backlog of repairs and maintenance. The failure of the Government’s assisted houses purchasing scheme has exacerbated the situation.

Raising £2 million has not been easy

Mr Cantle has had to raise £2 million for the NRS scheme, to match the £2 million from the Government announced last year, and it has not been easy.

His other main challenge has been in identifying local authorities as voluntary partners in the four pilot projects at Bedford, Sheffield, Gloucester and Oldham. Fourteen councils originally expressed an interest, but there was some scepticism that the NHIC was a trojan horse of the Government’s privatization plans.

Bill Warhurst

Ernest Cantle, director of the National Home Improvement Council: a frank analysis

Mr Cantle admits, with a chuckle, that his experience of marketing to East European countries before he joined the NFU had come in useful when dealing with some inner-city local authorities. “We do not,” he said, “go into an area until we have signed legal heads of agreement that we are in *partnership* with the council.”

Most of the houses in the pilot project areas were built before 1919. There is a large proportion of owner-occupation, to ensure there is access to private funds. The local authority must agree to make home-improvement grants available.

Under the NRS scheme, the NHIC provides a project manager and sets him or her up in a local office. A showhouse is then improved to demonstrate to local residents what can be achieved. The manager helps home-owners with grant applications, sources of private finance and professional skills, nominates approved builders and manages the project.

Mr Cantle has noticed a change in local-authority attitudes towards the scheme. “When we started in 1983 negotiations used to take six to nine months,” he said. “Now the attitude seems to be ‘Is that all the private sector can do for us?’, and ‘When can you start?’ ”

Lobbying the banks and building societies to get involved can also be a lengthy process; up to two years. This makes the support of Mr Cantle’s blue-chip member-companies all the more important.

More money to be provided?

It takes about four years for pilot project managers to get their areas up and running. But if these projects prove a success, Mr Cantle sees no reason there should not be 300 around the country.

At present, he is on target to sign up 25 local authorities by the middle of next year. Five more agreements will be signed today for Buxton, Gresley (on the Leicestershire/Derbyshire border), Coalville, Hyndburn (East Accrington) and Hastings.

Today’s NHIC presentation on its Neighbourhood Revitalization Services Scheme aims to give local authorities and the private sector a better understanding of the NRS and to tell them of the need to support stage-three projects with more funding.

Mr Cantle believes the Government could do more by providing security and continuity of funding on its part; contributing more generously to start-up costs than matching pound-for-pound what comes from the private sector, and involving NHIC in the formulation of housing policy.

The private sector, for its part, needs to be more positive and entrepreneurial towards government policy, he believes.

A clearing house for construction industry lobbying is necessary. How well the NHIC succeeds with its Neighbourhood Revitalization Services scheme will be keenly assessed by more than those just concerned with housing.

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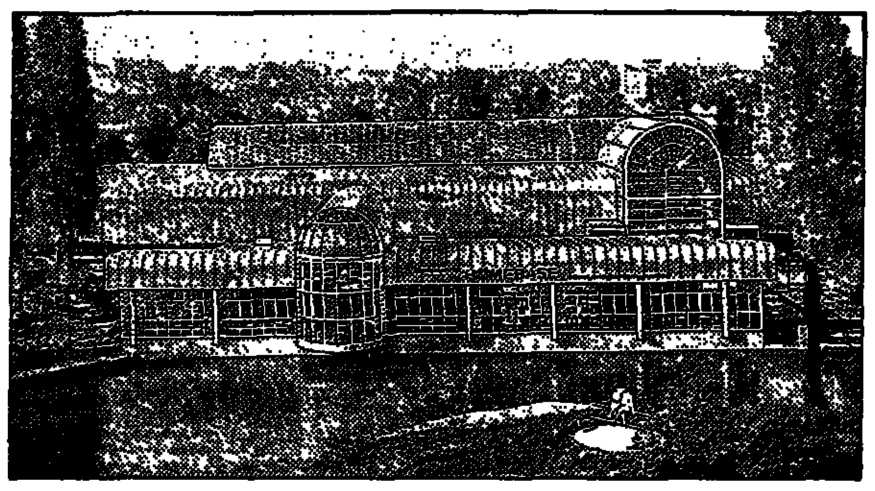

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Can people power start to revive a rundown area?

Hillsborough in Sheffield, to the north-west of the city centre, was the first Neighbourhood Revitalization Services scheme (NRS) to be set up by the National Home Improvement Council. It was started in 1985 and Sheffield city council, through its housing investment programme, agreed to make £1 million in grants available over the following two years.

Because of a fairly slow initial take-up of the grant money, that cash has eventually been spread over three instead of two years and has now all been allocated. It should all be spent by the end of the current financial year.

After that, any improvements to be carried out in Hillsborough will have to be paid for out of residents' pockets. That will be the true test of how successful the Hillsborough NRS has been.

Hillsborough, typical of many residential areas in our cities — a turn-of-the-century, brick-terrace, two-up, two-down neighbourhood, is experiencing all of the problems associated with housing in those areas.

Basically the external envelope of such homes has reached the point where substantial improvements and repairs are needed in many cases. When Hillsborough NRS was set up, surveys revealed that the average cost for repairs would be £4,500 a house — to many people a very large sum of money.

Substantial repairs often needed

So most repairs in the area had been carried out on a piece-meal, stop-gap basis, or not carried out at all, and within the area there were several properties in very bad condition. Action was needed in order to prevent the area from sliding into a much worse condition within a few years.

In that sense the NRS scheme was a device used to raise people's consciousness about their own neighbourhood and take up the responsibility of preventing that decline from becoming a reality.

Paul Weston who co-ordinated the Hillsborough NRS from its inception, said: "We set out to prove that Hillsborough is a good place in which to live and that it will remain a good place and I think we've proved that."

The power behind a successful NRS, and broadly speaking Hillsborough has been a success, is the people.

From the start Hillsborough NRS has been in the hands of residents who have, with the help of professionals, decided their strategy and targets and it is this "bottom-up" approach, espoused by community architects and their patron Prince Charles, which has become the new philosophy for most inner-city endeavours.

The £1 million that the city council put in the pot 2½ years ago, which then represented 10 per cent of the estimated repair bill for the area and its 2,500 homes, has attracted almost a similar amount in private funding, Paul Weston estimates.

The results of that expenditure, as intended, are visible throughout the area. Residents adopted a strategy designed to tackle both the worse and most visible blocks in the area at the start.

Clumps of six or more houses were targeted, and it was decided that works to the external envelope of the building, the most visible part, would receive priority when it came to handing out grants. This meant that the money was spent on new roofs, new joinery, repointing, new rain-water goods, paths and fences and, of course, structural repairs.

Several owners opted to spend more of their own money, either borrowed or saved, on improving the interiors by installing central heating or new bathrooms and kitchens.

The visual message to other residents was considered to be all-important. Once people could see that their neighbours were prepared to spend money on repairs, it was hoped that would get the ball rolling throughout the area.

Over the three years, according to Paul Weston, and John Lee of Ritchie and Rennie, the architects who have supervised many of the home-improvement jobs, a lot of owners have sold their improved properties, and made handsome profits. And those houses that have been improved sell more easily.

Traditionally Hillsborough is a predominantly owner-occupier area, with 85 per cent of the houses there falling into this category. It is an area favoured by first time buyers, and there is a fairly substantial amount of elderly people who own their own properties. The houses are worth between £18,000 to £20,000 at the moment.

Because of the existence of the NRS, Hillsborough's residents have been able to pop into the NRS office and get free advice on what sort of works they can get grants for and how to raise finance for any gap between the grant and the cost of those works.

The Halifax Building Society has provided a mortgage adviser one day a week to help people raise loans to accompany grants. This is an important service for older people, many of whom have a pressing need to carry out repairs, or improvements to reduce their running costs, but little income to tackle such jobs.

Free consultations on energy matters

The Halifax, and many other societies, have helped with loans designed for older people, and for other residents. Also, as part of the NRS scheme, the Association for the Conservation of Energy, provides a free consultancy service on energy conservation measures.

Now close on 200 properties have had a wide range of improvements carried out. This is, Paul Weston admits, a much lower figure than the residents initially aimed for, which was about 240 a year, and which he says residents soon realized was unrealistic.

Slow initial take-up of grants, because of the problems of streamlining the necessary office work to get grants out to people and those associated with co-ordinating public and private cash, meant the NRS had to ask the city council to extend the time period over which its money would be spent.

But valuable lessons have been learnt which can be applied to other NRS schemes.

Perhaps the most valuable lesson that NRS staff learnt was that people have a great deal of common sense and perception about the value of their own neighbourhoods and that given the means they are the best people to organize improvements. If they are motivated, much more can be achieved than if a solution is imposed on them.

Bettter work for a fair price

Also, by involving an architect at an early stage to advise on the sort of works required and the likely cost, and then for the architect to supervise the contract, takes a lot of the sweat and worry out of improvements for home owners.

If the community architecture approach is adopted, where the architect is available for a chat in a corner shop office, "then people begin to realize that architects aren't strange bods in fancy offices", according to Paul Weston, and they use them to find the necessary confidence to take a decision to go-ahead.

An important result of involving architects in the NRS scheme has been to ensure that local builders are controlled and turn in better work for a fair price. Generally, small builders, rather than larger contractors, have adopted an approach to the work that has pleased residents.

A local architect, John Lee, found that the smaller builder used a more personalized approach and communicated with the client much better than the larger firm, which would appear to tackle the works as though properties were not being lived in.

Now the NRS's aim is to keep the ball rolling. If it can encourage people to continue to improve their homes in Hillsborough using private funding, the local office will stay open and Ritchie and Rennie will continue to provide their architectural agency service for residents.

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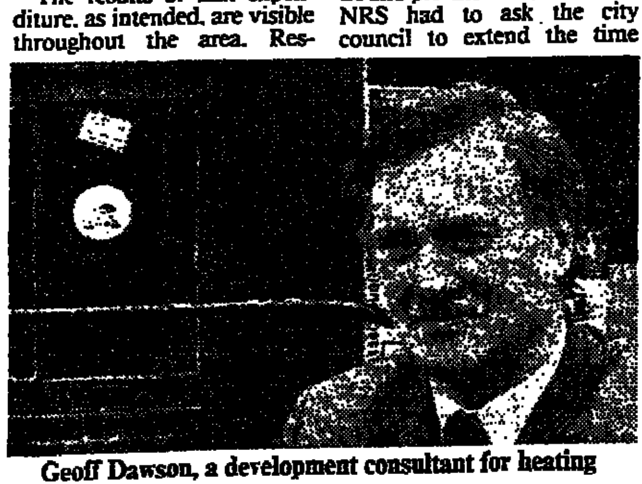
The size of the problem: unmodernized houses scheduled for improvement by the Hillsborough revitalization scheme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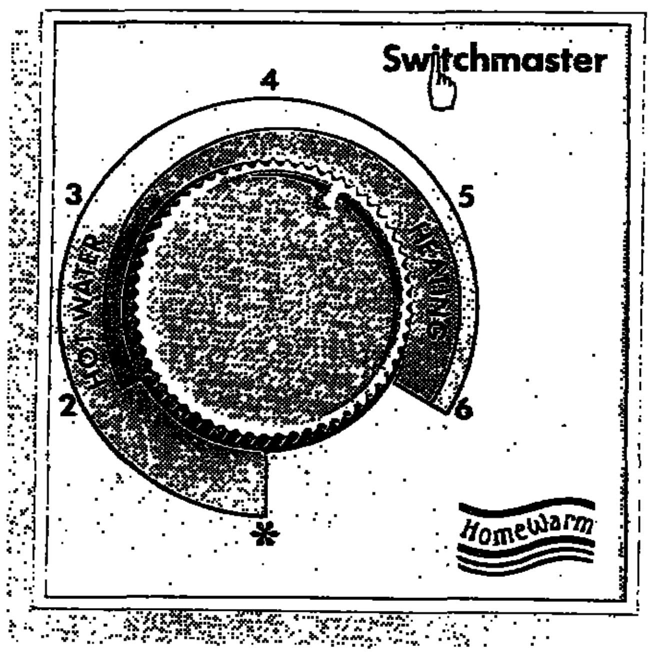

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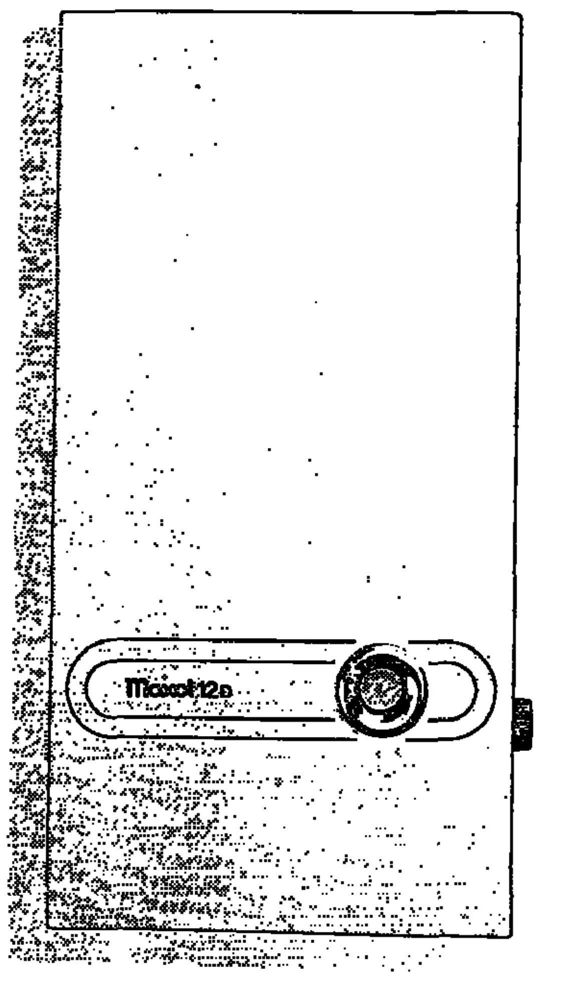

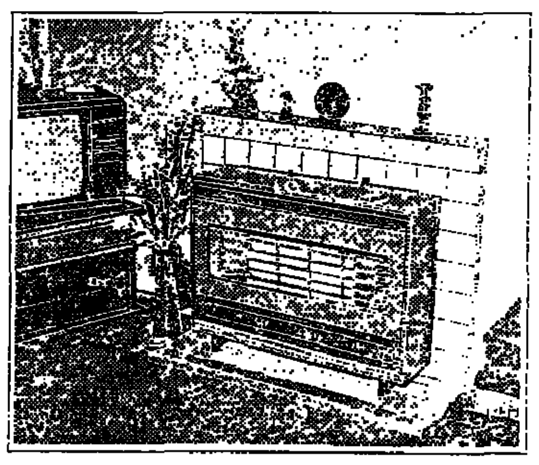

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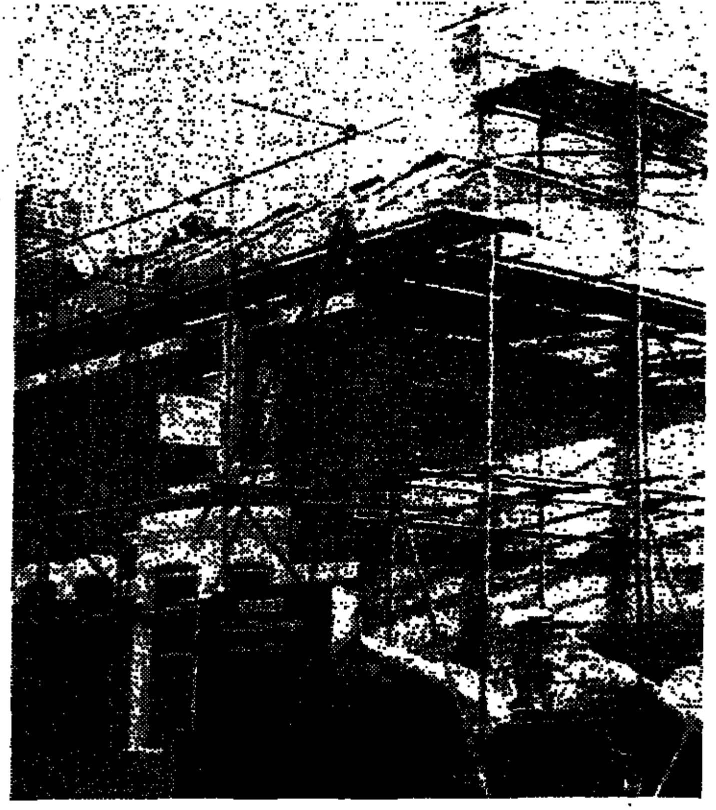
There were high hopes of a successful housing revitalization venture when Sir George Young, then a Parliamentary Under-Secretary, toured Gloucester with city officials, left. But the partnership between the city and the NRS project organizers became fraught. The present mayor, Andrew Gravells, accuses the NRS of not spending the grants made available. "We did everything for them except spending the money," he says. Glenn Parker, the NRS project manager, claims the city council "never contributed positively to management. They were there more to criticize and veto."



'Partners' who fell out

The Mayor of Gloucester and Neville Hobday have never met. If they did, they might have some interesting tales and advice to swap. The mayor, Andrew Gravells, is also chairman of the housing committee of the Conservative-controlled council. Mr Hobday is chief environmental health officer of the Conservative North Bedfordshire Council.

Both are intimately involved in NRS projects. Both are heavily committed to improving poor housing in their areas. Yet while Bedford has possibly the most successful partnership between the NRS and the local authority, the relationship in Gloucester has been fraught with criticism and unhelpful invective on both sides.

Partnership with local authorities is the key to the NRS's success. The aim is to identify areas of housing in urgent need of improvement, then work with the local authority to get the job done as efficiently as possible.

The NRS usually relies on local authority grants. In turn, it gives hard-pressed local authorities free additional help. The authorities might think they could do the job just as well themselves given the extra resources, but are unlikely to turn down the offer of a helping hand when it is available.

That is the theory. In practice, some partnerships work better than others. The contrast between Bedford and Gloucester provides lessons for more successful partnerships in the future.

Bedford's success is partly due to the willingness of the authority to accept help where it can find it. It had been focussing on specific housing projects since the early 1970s. Mr Hobday said: "The NRS work fitted in with our philosophy. We felt that they would assist us and give additional impetus to our programme."

Not all the grant money was used

The authority's patience with faults and grateful acceptance of the benefits also helped the partnership to work. Mr Hobday, for instance, is disappointed that the project has not generated more private funding. It also took far longer to get off the ground than he had expected. After putting aside £50.000, or a fifth of his housing capital budget, for grants in the first year, he found that money was not all used because of the time it took to get the project going.

Far from ditching the entire exercise, however, he is keen to extend it as part of his housing programme, and is quick to point out its merits. The chief one, in his view, is the NRS agency in the area, run in Bedford by the Aldwyck housing trust.

Mr Hobday said: "It is crucial to the success of any scheme. One of the difficulties we have is getting people such as the elderly or the ethnic community to take advantage of grants and get involved with home improvements.

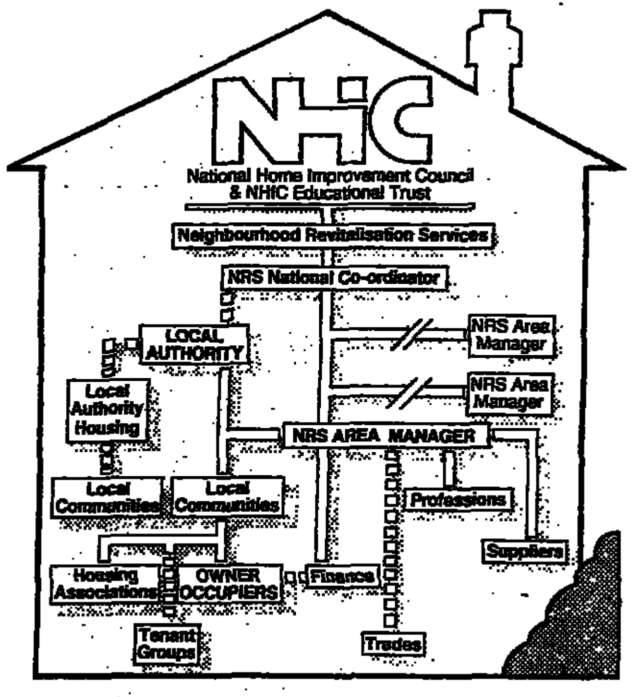
The agency takes the bureaucracy out of things. It encourages people, fills in the forms, handles the technical drawings, gets the builders in and supervises the process. The quality of the building work has improved dramatically."

Bedford's progress, Mr Hobday is certain, is above all explained by the commitment of those involved. The authority has three ward members on the project committee, has firmly committed itself to the project for seven years, and has cut red tape to allow grants to go to the most needy and for whatever type of work is required.

Some authorities demand block schemes; Bedford lets work go on here and there in line with demand — known in the trade as "pepper-potting".

The result has been a flood of applications, which has consumed staff time and caused a deal of administrative difficulties.

Mr Hobday says, moreover, that the NRS and agency is doing nothing that the council could not do itself given the funds. But resentment is the last thing he feels. "I'm not too concerned so long as I'm getting the housing improved," he said.



The main difference between Bedford and Gloucester is clearly a different reaction to much the same problems. In all pilot projects, the prime difficulty has been the gaining of initial momentum.

In Gloucester this caused more frustration than elsewhere. "There was an inability to spend the money allocated for improvement grants," said the highly critical mayor. "It was a complete nonsense being unable to spend the money. The area is desperately in need and there's plenty that needs money spent on it."

The NRS manager's plea that these things take time meets with a stony reception. "We told them who was on the waiting list. We gave them a house conditions survey. We did everything for them apart from spending the money," says the mayor.

"They raised hopes," he continues. "And they let people down. Umpteen people were referred to me on the housing committee for help."

Glenn Parker, the Gloucester project manager, found that his previous position as trainee housing adviser at Gloucester City Housing Department gave him no advantages in improving the situation. "We had no patterns to go by," he said. "I hadn't appreciated what was involved. Relations with the city council broke down."

Mr Parker strikes back at the attitude of the council — on the management committee, for example. He said: "They sat on the committee but never contributed positively to the management. They were there more to criticize and veto."

He also accuses the authority of changing grant policies to make his job more difficult and for setting up its own agency in nearby streets.

The authority's agency did not get the chance to operate, however, because of government cuts in the housing grant, something which also affected the NRS. In the second year, the grant ran dry.

"If we had had that money," said Mr Parker, "we would have proved that the programme was worthwhile."

The cuts also lost the NRS the services of the architects who had run its housing agency. It is starting again with three small design consultants, which it believes will work more efficiently.

The council, for its part, has made over a new grant of £75.000, which the mayor calls a "sign of our good faith". The mayor says that he is all for the concept of the NRS in principle — it is just the practical shortcomings that give him concern.

Unlike Bedford, however, Gloucester has not committed itself to grant aid beyond this year, perhaps revealing a continuing lack of confidence that the "partnership" will ultimately work.

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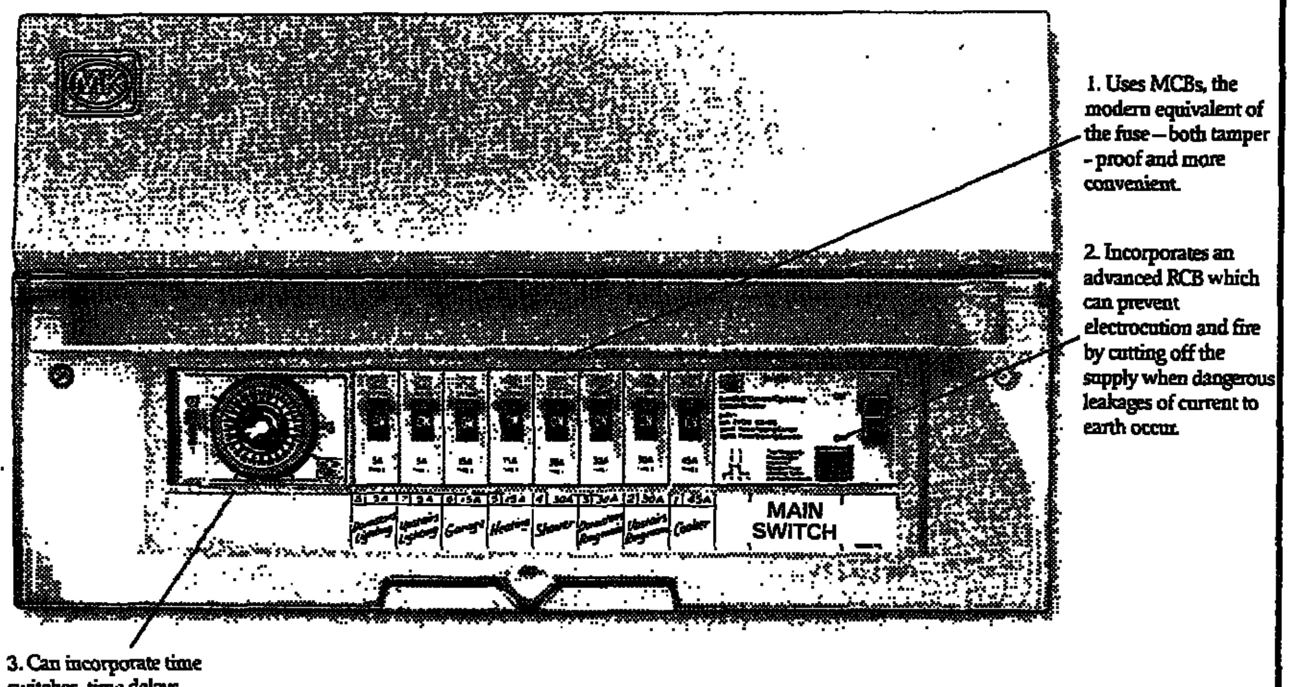
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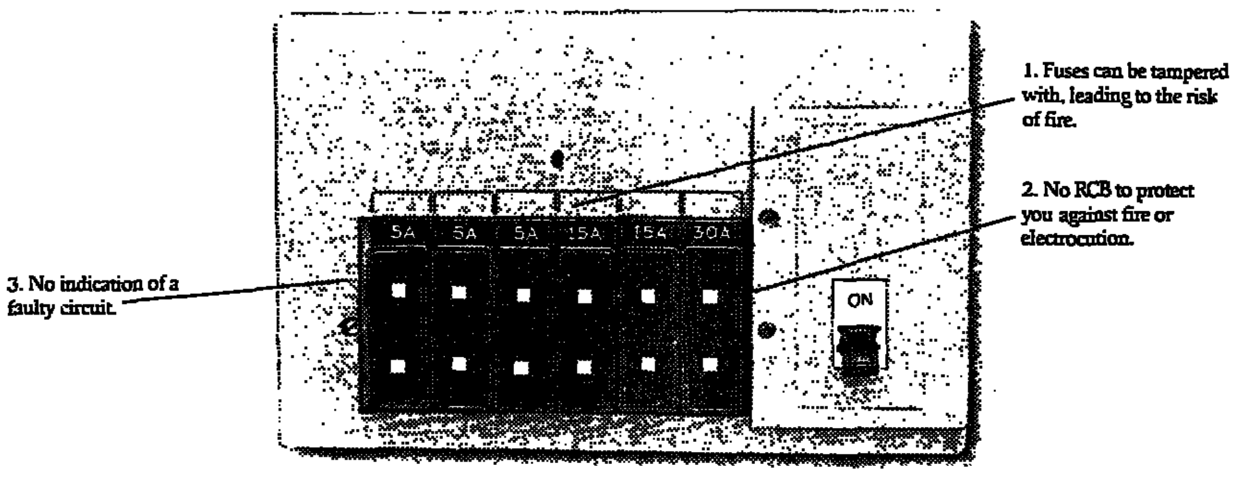
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New for old: Owen Paton, centre, the Bedford NRS project manager, and colleagues David Cook and Bob Reed discuss a typical improvement — providing a kitchen and bathroom

Dismay over lack of private funding

At the start, project organizers in North Bedforshire aimed for £3 of private money for every £1 of public. They got between 40 and 48p, reports **Debra Isaac**

John Moore, the Social Services Secretary, may have caused a stir last weekend when he launched his campaign to promote individual self-help and independence, but those working on the NRS schemes took up the crusade first.

Unfortunately, they were also first in discovering the formidable problems involved in getting people to help themselves financially, and in overcoming years and years of government dependency.

One of the principal aims of the NRS schemes is to stimulate private sector investment in the nation's declining housing stock. The idea is to organize and assist residents, homeowners, businesses and lending institutions, including the banks and building societies, to step up their efforts to raise finance to support the efforts of the local authorities and the Government.

After 2½ years, however, the campaign to mobilize more private sector funds has clearly failed. The NRS admits as much, and even supportive local authorities say that the lack of response from the private sector has been one of the major disappointments so far.

"At the start, we aimed for £3 of private money for every £1 of public," says Neville Hobday, chief environmental health officer for North Bedfordshire Council.

The actual ratio, he says, is £1 of public money for every 40p of private (the local project manager says £1 of public for every 48p private). This means that of the £1.2 million so far put into the Bedford Queens Park scheme, more than two-thirds has been financed by the public sector.

The ratios are similar in the other three pilot schemes at Sheffield, Gloucester and Oldham which have also yet to see large inflows of new private sector funds.

"We are not meeting the original concepts," says Mr Hobday. "The Government and the NRS must be very concerned."

The NRS is, indeed, concerned. Terry Brunt, national general manager, makes the usual comments about a great deal of private investment going un-monitored. The NRS, he says, advises countless people who may then quietly go away and get their repairs done privately (or who may not — nobody knows).

Mr Brunt admits, however, that the schemes have come up against two major barriers to private investment. The first is that while grants have been available, or likely to become available if you join a waiting list, people have preferred to wait rather than part with their own funds.

The second is that the schemes tend to be directed towards the most badly rundown areas, and these tend to be inhabited by the most needy people — the unemployed, elderly, single-parent mothers, and so on — all of whom are likely to need, and be most readily entitled to, sizeable grants.

The targeting towards the needy isn't a principle built into NRS policy at national level. Local committees tend to take it up. Owen Panton, project manager at Queens Park, argues that by concentrating on better-off people, instead, people who need less grant and can find more money themselves, the gearing between public and private sector contributions would be improved, and more work completed.

The problem of improving the poorer housing stock in more deprived areas would still remain, however.

Because of the problems of raising private sector finance, grant aid is essential. "It gives us credibility and the ability to make a long-term commitment," says Mr Panton.

His client profile shows how the public and private sector elements are made up. The residents may be asked to contribute anything from £400 to £8,000. On average, they are finding a third of the money needed, the authority paying the rest. Around one in three pay their element from savings — the thriving ethnic community being conscientious savers, says Mr Panton. Another third comes from extending mortgages, and the other third from borrowing on unmortgaged properties.

Terry Brunt, the NRS national general manager

Mr Panton couldn't think of any case which had gone ahead without a grant and, even with grant aid, there is marked reluctance to find the rest of the funds privately.

"Our perception of people's needs is often very different to their own," says Mr Panton. "The drop-out rate because of cost is more than 50 per cent." Elderly people, in particular, often prefer to live in poor housing, to which they are accustomed, rather than take out a loan in old age or suffer the disturbance of building work, which may even entail a temporary move.

Oddly, the easiest cases to deal with are often the worst, where someone on supplementary benefit is able to secure DHSS support for the element that has to be borrowed from the private sector. Mr Panton, for example, is curently helping a woman of 70 who is borrowing £5,000 after getting a grant of £9,000.

The "impossible" cases when it comes to private money are where someone is unemployed, already has a high mortgage, and may already be in arrears. Not surprisingly, it is difficult to get new money in such circumstances.

The huge dependence on the public sector has so far given only a limited role to building societies and other financial institutions. There are around 22 lending bodies in Bedford, including building societies such as the Halifax and Gateway which are committed to the project and whose staff sit on NRS committees and give up their own time to give financial advice.

So far, however, the Bedford project has completed only 115 properties, much on grant aid. Spread the need for private finance around the lending institutions, all of which are falling over themselves to lend to good borrowers, and most have had a maximum of half-a-dozen cases to deal with.

"When we started, it was all 'stand by world, here we come' ", says Mr Panton. In practice, the total amount of work done would, he says, have represented merely a week's turnover at his old building firm.

The NRS fervently hopes that in future it will mobilize more money from the private sector. New projects such as the one at Hastings will sink or swim on the private sector injection as no grant aid is available. After Sheffield's £1 million runs out, it, too, will have to fall back on self-help.

But no one is deluding themselves that the task will be easy. "People still think the Government will provide," says Mr Brunt. "On present trends, it won't. But people still don't believe it yet."

The risks architects face

Work on the NRS schemes can prove attractive to the smaller architect firms, but for bigger outfits the profit margins are often not worth it, reports **Charles Knevitt**

Personal satisfaction rather than financial reward is what the Neighbourhood Revitalization Services scheme has to offer architects. At least, that is the experience of two firms that have been commissioned for the latest pilot project, in Gloucester.

Neil Vesma is a one-man-band, with two part-time assistants, working on eight houses for the local project coordinator. He said: "The type of work on offer is more attractive to the smaller practice like my own, where commissions worth between £200 and £2,000 make an important contribution to salaries and overheads.

"It is a very different service working with the individual homeowner rather than a corporate client with corporate decision-making and finance."

The NRS office makes all the initial approaches for him, arranges finance for repairs and improvement and co-ordinates the whole process. He likes the way a comprehensive service is offered and the consistency of the workload, and is confident that he will continue working on the scheme for many years. There are a surprising number of houses in Gloucester with no indoor toilets, he added.

The main drawback is that the risk of ever getting paid is much higher: usually the client pays for drawings and specifications irrespective of whether a grant application is successful. Under the NRS, no grant means no pay.

To them, no grant means no pay

His task is easier because potential clients are recommended to him, once the NRS has satisfied itself of the architect's credentials and that he has professional-indemnity insurance cover. But at the end of the day, the no-grant, no-pay policy "lessens the risk for grannies and transfers it to me," said Mr Vesma.

Last week, Richard Archer left the Gloucester practice of Dancey and Meredith, where he worked on NRS houses. Full improvement agency services were provided by his firm, from surveying to going out to tender, appointing contractors and supervising construction work.

But Bob Priest, a partner in the firm, said: "We learnt one hell of a lesson and have now decided to undertake no further work for NRS. The problem was that we had a whole series of clients spending small amounts of money — £2,000 to £4,000 a house. The legal niceties required individual contracts for each one.

"Much of our time was taken up in dealing with the complications of each contract, preparing tailor-made specifications, chasing the smaller builders who carry out this sort of contract, securing funding and managing it on behalf of our clients."

His partners had decided it was worth trying to carry out such small-scale works, even though the practice employs 25 people and has a workload with commercial, industrial, housing association and health-care buildings.

They were expecting bulk orders, with blocks of several terraces to improve simultaneously. In fact, the work was fragmented with single houses often in separate streets.

Mr Priest said: "I think the NRS scheme is basically a good idea, but it suits smaller architectural practices. During our first year we went through a very slow learning curve. We were offered a fee of 5½ per cent (of contract value), managed to increase this to 6½ per cent, but still it did not pay."

In the Gloucester area, typical three-bedroom terrace houses sell for about £20,000, perhaps £25,000 if they are in a good state of repair. Much of the improvement work is on external walls and the roof, but even so Mr Priest believes that the long-term value of investing in them is marginal.

Revival: a green oasis now embelishes a once dying area

He said: "Some are worth saving, many are not. The problem is that they would cost more to demolish and rebuild, so I see the work as short-term expediency."

Dancey and Meredith has improved about 30 houses so far and still has about 80 to go. These are at various stages, from awaiting improvement grant via the council, to being in the final stages of the defects liability period.

"We might just get involved again," said Mr Priest, "but it would be after taking a very long, hard look at whether it was worthwhile for us."

One of the big upsets was the decision by the city council not to release any grant funding during the period from last December to July, and the bureaucratic red tape in getting the approved grants released to pay for work.

Under the terms of the contract, builders had to be paid within 14 days, but this was never actually achieved. In many cases it took 50 to 60 days, by which time the builders had walked off the site. Dancey and Meredith, as the architect, was responsible for making the stage payments, although the firm did not control the purse-strings.

The unpaid builders walked off site

Mr Priest commented: "It would have helped if we had full control of the funding, either by the council making a block grant to NRS or the funding coming direct from the Environment Department."

It is to be hoped that the National Home Improvement Council will learn some of these lessons in the second-phase pilot projcts on which it is about to embark.

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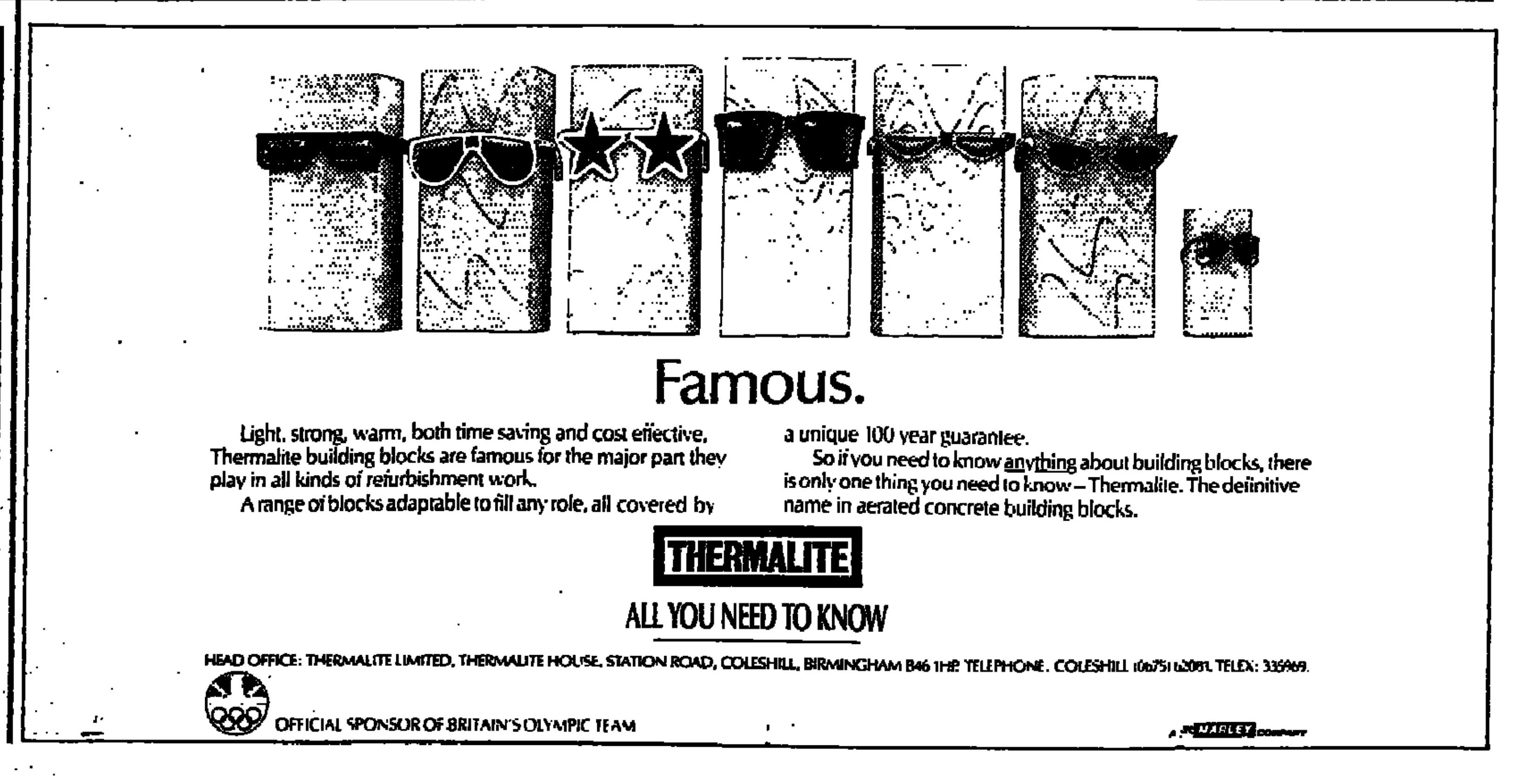

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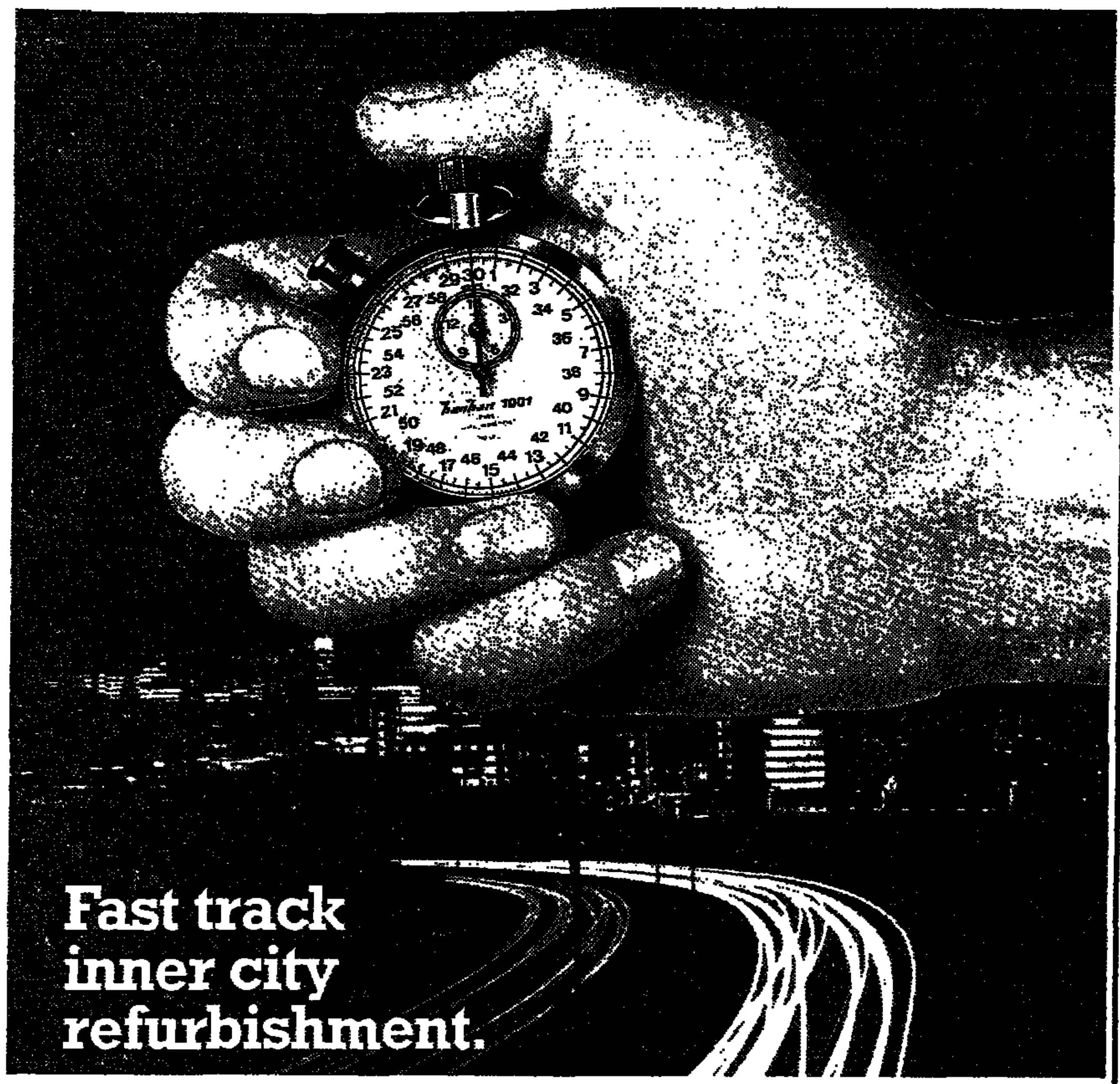

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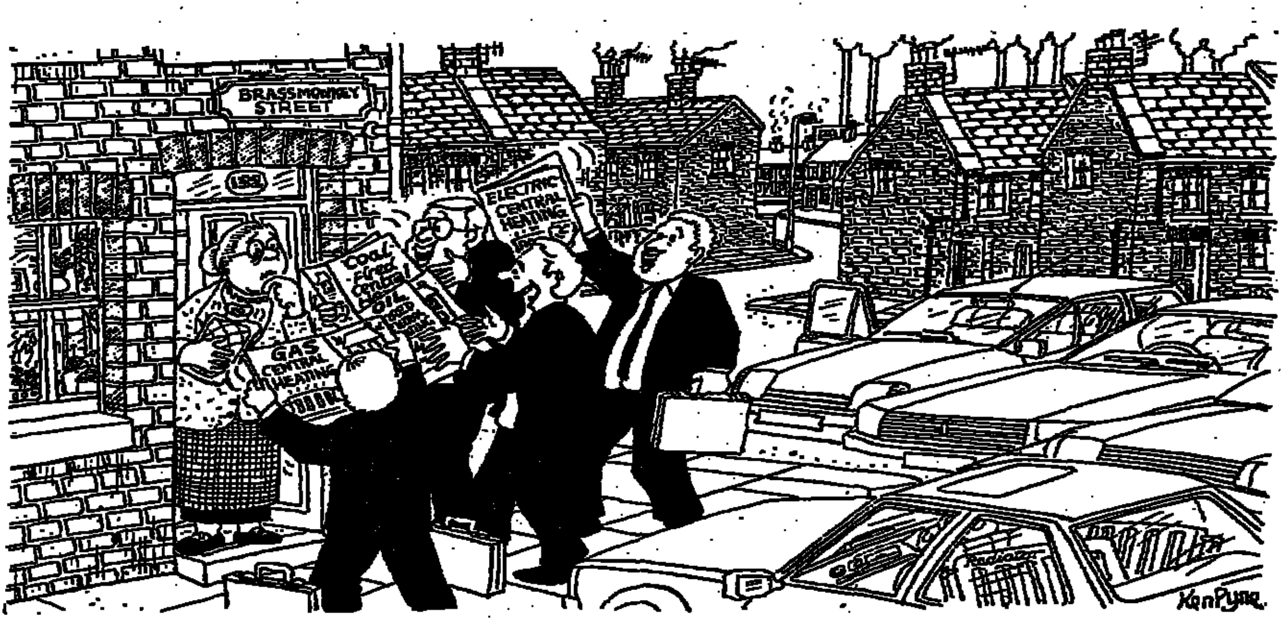


Keeping cosy cheaply

The type of housing subject to work in the neighbourhood revitalization programme is precisely the type that can benefit most by energy-conservation measures.

Britain has the worst-insulated and least-effectively heated housing stock in Northern Europe; more than a billion pounds a year is wasted in uneccesarily high fuel bills. Much of the type of work that can be done costs only a few pounds and has a quick effect on comfort levels and on gas and electricity bills.

Loft insulation and tank lagging is often absent from older properties; the savings it can produce are instantly felt. As new windows go in, better draught-proofing can be installed and often sealed double-glazing units can be as cheap as new units, especially when orderd in bulk for a large renewal scheme. Additionally, when new damp-proofing is being installed — often a necessity in older properties which may have had only rudimentary damp courses installed when built — some type of wall insulation can be cheaply added.

Central heating can be upgraded and new controls fitted which can have a dramatic effect on consumption without affecting heating levels and in areas where solid fuel is still a preferred method of heating, the new type of appliances developed by British Coal can cut consumption by as much as half while still providing more heat then before.

Another potential saving can come when new bath and kitchen appliances are added and in older property a modern shower replacing an old bath can produce savings which can been seen almost from the first electricity bill onwards.

Now the Association for the Conservation of Energy has become involved in the neighbourhood-renewal scheme to bridge the gap between the householder and the Department of Energy energy-efficiency campaign.

The campaign has created awareness of energy efficiency among householders, but the association has found that many householders are still confused about how exactly they can benefit.

With funding from the department, it has provided a full-time adviser to operate on the NRS project at Sheffield who is providing advice to the householders in the area as well as to enable the association to plan more effectively how it will also help in future neighbourhood-regeneration schemes. The association is determined that it will play a similar role in as many of the 20-odd proposed schemes now under discussion.

Andrew Warren, association director: individual unbiased advice

Andrew Warren, the association's director, said: "By having an adviser on the spot, we are able to give householders individual unbiased advice on what they can do to cut their fuel bills. We are able to say what type of measures will work for them and what type won't.

"The Department of Energy has done a good job in publicizing its campaign, but there is no link available to give individuals the advice and help they often need as there is in countries such as the United States and in Denmark.

"Individuals can go into their electricity boards and get advice, but it will be about electrical appliance related matters and the same thing will happen when they go to a gas-board showroom.

"It is ironic that the Government will help an industrial or commercial customer with finance for a fuel-efficiency study so that they can get specific advice, but there is not such service available for the householder. We have to learn from the experiences of other countries because out of the £7 billion that the Government estimates can be saved by the nation by energy conservation, £2 billion will have to come from the domestic sector."

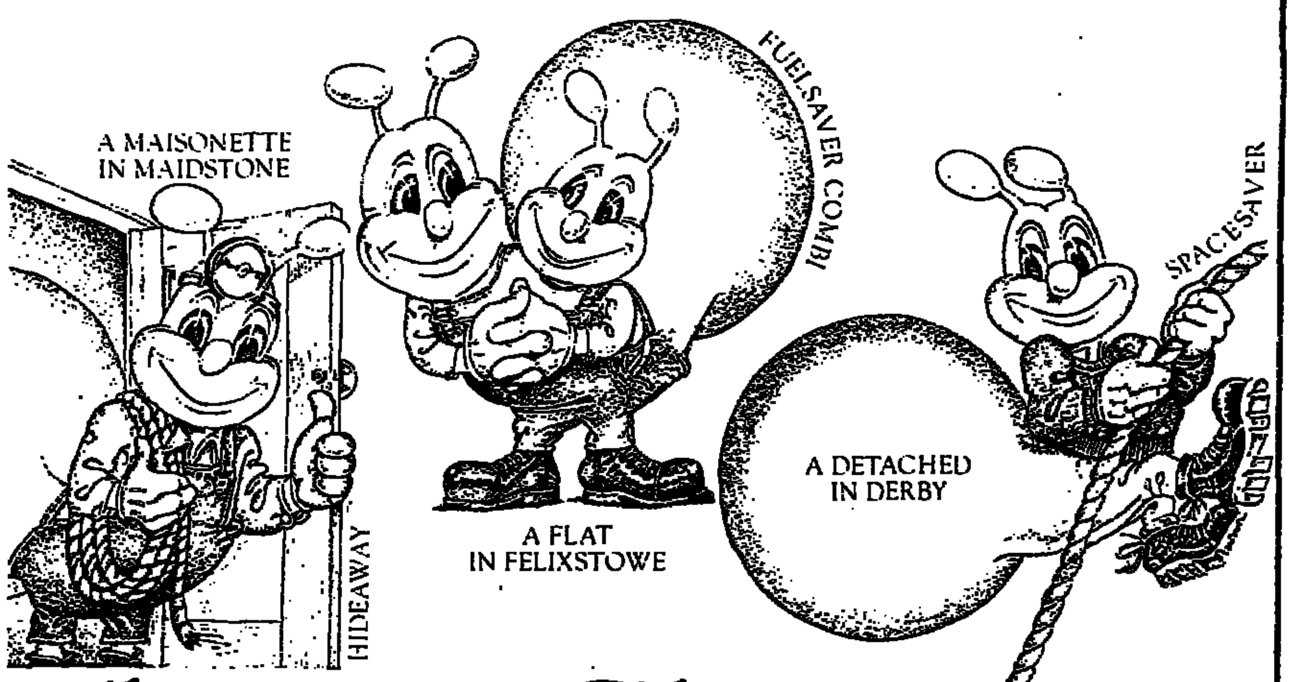
The association has drawn on lessons learned as part of its study of energy conservation measurers being undertaken in the United States which it conducted in conjunction with Neighbourhood Energy Action.

Mr Warren said: "Every British winter brings fresh horror stories concerning those unable to afford to help keep themselves warm. Our American studies demonstrate clearly that such problems can be avoided.

"What are required are positive responses from central and local government and gas and electricity utilities alike, to ensure that before this winter is out, every household is put in touch with people who can insulate their homes."

David Green, honorary secretary of Neighbourhood Energy Action, said: "It is patently ridiculous that there is no mechanism within the DHSS, British Gas or the electricity boards systematically to refer lower-income households with fuel-payment problems to their nearest Neighbourhood Energy Action project. This could substantially boost productivity for local NEA projects, and help relieve the fuel industry of a growing and expensive problem with consumer debt."

David Young



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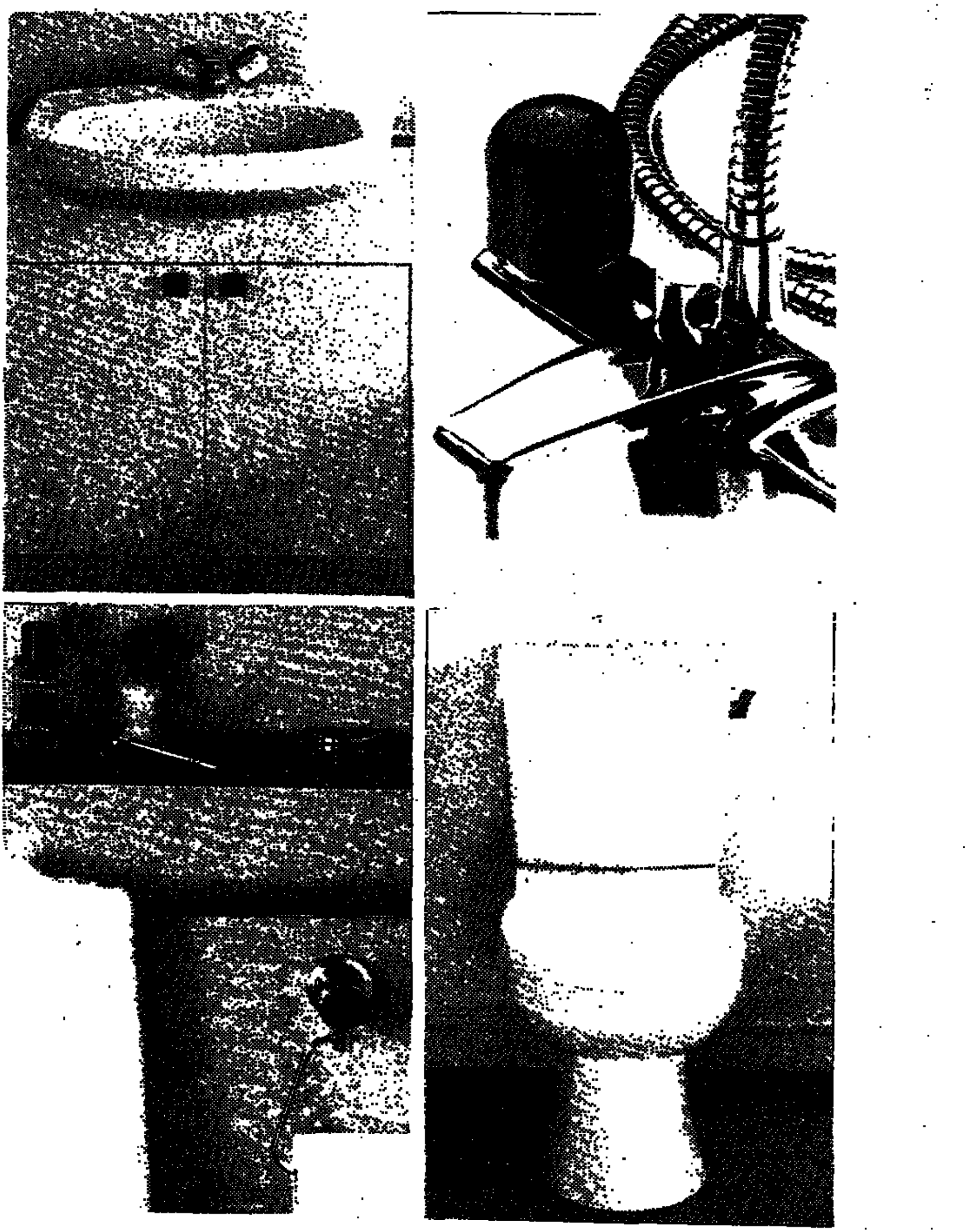

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Banking on the builder

A group approach to improvements brings tangible cost cuts

A philanthropic glow is about the only reward now being enjoyed by the big builders' merchants who have given so much time and enthusiasm towards the setting-up of the four neighbourhood revitalization schemes.

This is because the numbers of bricks and baths, tiles and toilets, supplied for the few hundred renovations in Bedford, Oldham, Gloucester and Sheffield is relatively low. But it is already clear that for the small but solid builders — and in turn the owners — of the upgraded homes, the benefits flowing from the NRS pilot projects are tangible, and can be measured in cash.

On the 50 or so homes improved at Bedford, Nick Imber, director of the Aldwyck housing association which supervises building work, says that people are saving money.

He said: "We calculate that costs are 12 per cent lower than they would be if the householder went direct to the builder for the same job done on a one-off basis. And that includes our fee." The Aldwyck charges 10 per cent of the £10,000-to-£15,000 cost of the complete renovation of the Bedford houses.

In Sheffield, it is also clear that the group approach to improvement cuts costs. John Lee of Ritchie and Rennie, the architects firm supervising the Hillsborough scheme, shows how.

"We get a dozen builders we trust to tender for typical items of work like replacing a certain type of window or changing a front door," he said. "Then we ask them all if they will do the jobs for prices about halfway between the average and the bottom figures."

He is not sure whether this makes it cheaper than employing a cowboy builder for cash. Probably not. "But for the standard of work people are getting good value," he said.

Mr Lee added that the standards being set are changing perceptions. "People come around and look at the work we are supervising, and they can see for themselves what good work looks like. And they demand it for themselves."

Bill Turner of C. & W. Builders in Sheffield has "revamped the outside" of 30 houses on the Sheffield scheme. His two-partner firm starts five more this week. He works on Lee's two-thirds of the top-price formulae.

He said: "We lost a little bit on some of the prices. But the work is OK so long as you get six or seven in a row. We used to do a lot for the town hall — but that has stopped now."

Mr Turner said there is not much difference doing improvement for the council and for the NRS. "We have just changed from an environmental officer to an architect. But in some respects we have less to do with the client, and if they want something extra we don't have to run to the town hall."

What happens now is that the owner asks Mr Turner whether he or she can paint a room or move a fireplace while the main work is being done.

On the Gloucester project the NRS has been pursuaded to use only BEC or FMB members to protect clients.

Tim Lockyer, secretary of the Gloucestershire branch of the BEC, which represents larger contractors, said: "The work appeals only to a minority of our members."

Teething troubles over the way builders were being asked to price work on the Gloucester project were sorted out by the two associations, which both also offer guarantee schemes against bad workmanship, he said. "In the end the client gets a reputable builder and value for money."

Ian Jackson is just the sort of builder individual householders would never interest in their renovation, but is still working on the Bedford site.

"We treat the Queen's Park site as a bit of a stop-gap," he admitted. "We feel a certain loyalty as we were the first builders on the site. But there is an advantage in working with the Aldwyck — we don't have to deal with the public. We are not interested in that." Jackson's company normally deals in £300,000 to £400,000 contracts.

At the moment, enlightened self-interest fires the building material suppliers the four NRS projects.

Roy Stringer is chairman of the Cheltenham-based builders' merchants Sharpe & Fisher, and he runs the NRS executive committee. He said: "For us, its essentially a long-term thing. Every merchant wants a pay-off. So the more the market can be stimulated by things like this, the more of a pay-off there will be. But social conscience is a big factor."

Brian Hobson of Graham Builders Merchants, Sheffield branch, said that it is about as altruistic as you can get. "But the roof-tile people had a birthday here," he added. He calculates to spend about 5 per cent of his time running the Hillsborough project committee where about 160 units will have been revamped by next spring.

But the merchants could do more said Nick Imber, director of the Aldwyck Housing Association, which specifies the materials to be used supervises the building work on the Bedford project.

"We are quite happy to encourage the use of merchants involved in NRS projects," he said. "But they have not gone out of their way to market themselves."

Mr Imber said that suppliers should be offering special deals to homeowners improving a property under the scheme.

Roy Stringer said: "The volume isn't there for us to do that sort of thing. But any merchant worth his salt will be looking hard at promotional ideas once the 25 new schemes get underway. Yet you must remember that the merchant is only a middleman."

With public money drying up, won't the NRS schemes wither?

No, said Brian Hobson, at least not in Sheffield. "The residents here have been a revelation," he explained. "They have been out with their clipboards in the rain deciding what work reeds doing next."

Peter Bill
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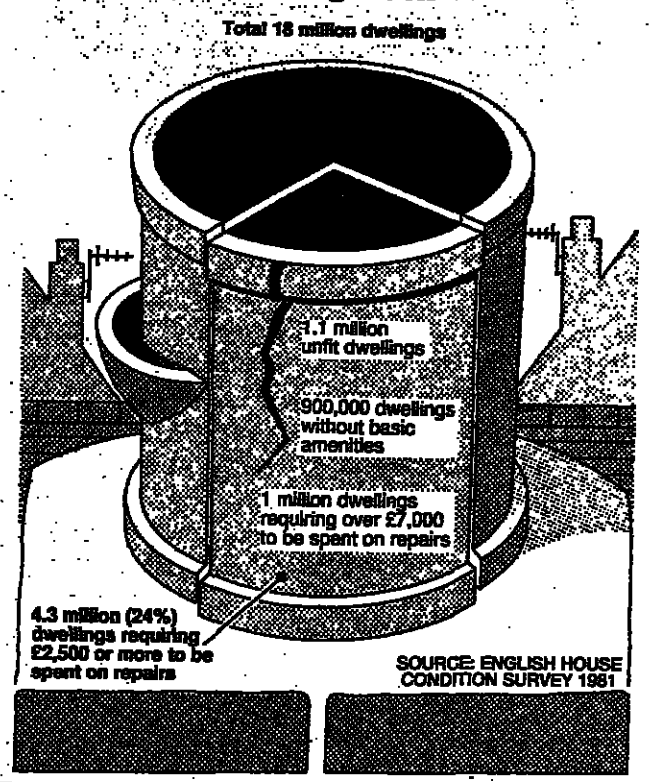

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Michael Chandy

Glenn Parker, the Gloucester NRS project manager, works in a mainly immigrant area

Action, street by street

Most houses in the rundown Barton area of Gloucester are eligible for grants, but there are many problems

The neighbourhood project in the Barton area of Gloucester was the last of the four NRS pilot schemes to be set up; work started in June 1986. It forms part of a larger overall improvement scheme for the city which involves traffic management, parking provision and housing rehabilitation.

Like the Hillsborough project in Sheffield, property in the Barton area is mostly owner-occupied Victorian brick terraces with some Edwardian semi-detached properties. There are a few large houses in multiple occupancy, and only 45 houses have been built since 1918.

The area is near the city centre and contains a wide racial mix. Many of the householders among the 1,600 properties were born outside Britain, mostly in the New Commonwealth or Pakistan. Gujerati is a widely spoken second language, and the area has two mosques.

Most houses are eligible for a renovation grant; the roofs were in a particularly bad state. Before the NRS project arrived, according to Glenn Parker, the project manager, there had been no repair grant strategy.

Grants were not targetted to particular types of work, or to especially needy groups, such as pensioners. The result has been piecemeal repairs here and there, or no repairs at all.

The NRS worked at the area street by street for maximum impact and made reroofing a priority.

Gloucester City Council allocated £500,000 in grant aid for the area in 1986-87. This allowed the NRS to refurbish 50 properties in Clement and Howard streets.

Unlike the Sheffield project, which had a fixed budget of £1 million over three years, the Barton area project receives an annual grant and Mr Parker expected a further £500,000 for 1987-88. His grant was cut by three-quarters and he found himself with only £125,000 to spend.

"It crippled us for the first six months. It's had an anaesthetic effect. Some grants are trickling through, so people are waiting for grants for small jobs, rather than getting on with them themselves."

When funding was cut in December, £124,000 in grants for 34 houses had been approved. There were 130 more queuing for approval. The project has spent £62,000 this year, and what money there is is being approved bit by bit. Their last £70,000 has just been agreed, but they are hoping to negotiate with the council so that the frozen streets can be reactivated.

The sudden reduction in funding caused local architects Dancy and Meredith to withdraw from the scheme at the end of their commitment. Mr Parker does not blame them. "You can't engage the private sector to work next year if you can't tell them what's going to happen."

To replace them, he made an experiment. All the other NRS projects had employed a single firm of architects. Parker took on three self-employed architects, all of whom had lived in Gloucester for some time and knew the Barton area. This has been very successful.

Architect Neil Vesma came into the NRS project about a year ago, when Darcy and Meredith withdrew. He has been doing house renovation work in Gloucester for the last 10 years and is enthusiastic about the NRS scheme. "It's the first time that grant money and the people who need it have been brought together."

A unique feature of the NRS schemes is that the householder can ask the architect for plans and costings without having to pay a design fee, something which discouraged elderly people in particular.

A house in the Barton area will cost between £20,000 and £30,000 depending on its condition but, unlike Sheffield, there is very little mobility, and many residents have lived in the area for more than 30 years. The cost of repairs can vary between the £2,000 or so needed for a new roof, to £20,000 for a rebuild. The average repair will cost the householder back £8,000.

Up to 90 per cent may be reclaimed, to a maximum of £10,200, but only pensioners and cases of special hardship get the full 90 per cent rebate.

Like the other schemes, the Barton project has an advice office in the city centre, manned by a staff of 10, including five residents' liaison officers provided by the Manpower Services Commission Community Programme.

The officers mount exhibitions, answer the stream of enquiries, produce the newsletters that tell residents what's happening and organize group meetings with local people and ward councillors. "It's not a 9-to-5 project," says Gerry Lowe, the national co-ordinator. "During the day the people we want to talk to are at work."

Lessons were learned from the establishment of the Sheffield project. "We've been on a learning curve," he says. "We've speeded up getting the brief to the agent. Work comes in quickly and goes out quickly."

All Sheffield's clients and their accounts are now on computer and this has worked so well that the package will be made available to the three other NRS schemes.

The most important lesson, however, is to go in with as high a profile as possible. When the Sheffield project started, it operated from an estate agent's office, which was both cramped and intimidating, and it was some time before the community liaison team, the vital link with local people, could be gathered together.

This, Mr Lowe feels, was responsible for the initial slow take-up of grants in Sheffield. The approach in Gloucester was different. "We learned by our mistakes. We had our own very visible Barton Area NRS Project office, and our community liaison team right from day one."

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CIVIC SHIELD UPDATE

Salford City Council's verdict - "It works!"

Before finally deciding on which refurbishment route to take, Salford City Council agreed to let NORWEB try a pilot scheme for Civic Shield.

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To date running costs have been considerably reduced and levels of warmth and comfort much improved in these properties.

The five 10-storey tower blocks on the Cawder Street Estate in Eccles is one of their more recent success stories.

The insulation improvements included high-rise cavity wall insulation and new flat roofs with built-in insulation. Also all the many windows in each block were weather stripped. Then Economy 7 slimline storage heaters were installed, along with the standard Civic Shield Economy 7 water heating package.

And it was all done within the first three months of 1986, one of the coldest winters in memory, during which the workmen had to contend with ice, snow, biting winds, below freezing temperatures and even falling icicles!

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Like Salford, Wigan received great co-operation from NORWEB, who put together the most suitable specification for each home.

In the Fiddys' semi, for example, new slimline storage heaters and a new hot water system with an Economy 7 cylinder were installed. The walls were insulated. Draught proofing was fitted. Old fireplaces were removed. And the house was completely rewired.

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"Before the new heating was installed, we were freezing in winter", Vernon and Jean Fiddy told us.

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older mid-terrace house 88m²	9,140	1,690	£278
modern mid-terrace house 79m²	8,160	1,380	£242
flat 61m²	5,950	900	£173
bungalow (detached) 67m²	10,330	1,380	£283

1. Heating consumption is based on the Energy Efficiency Office's Monergy Guide for houses with 'good' insulation. Water heating consumption is based on a BS7 cylinder with dual immersion heater and 80mm lagging jacket for 2-4 person home. Tariffs as at 1 July 1987 2. 1.90p kWh night rate 3. 5.62p kWh day rate (Average England and Wales) 4. The running cost includes £9.32 per year extra standing charge for Economy 7 compared with the standard domestic tariff

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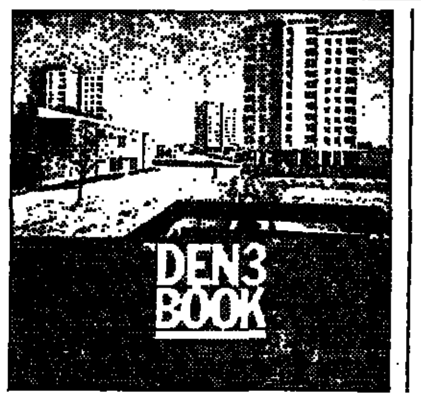

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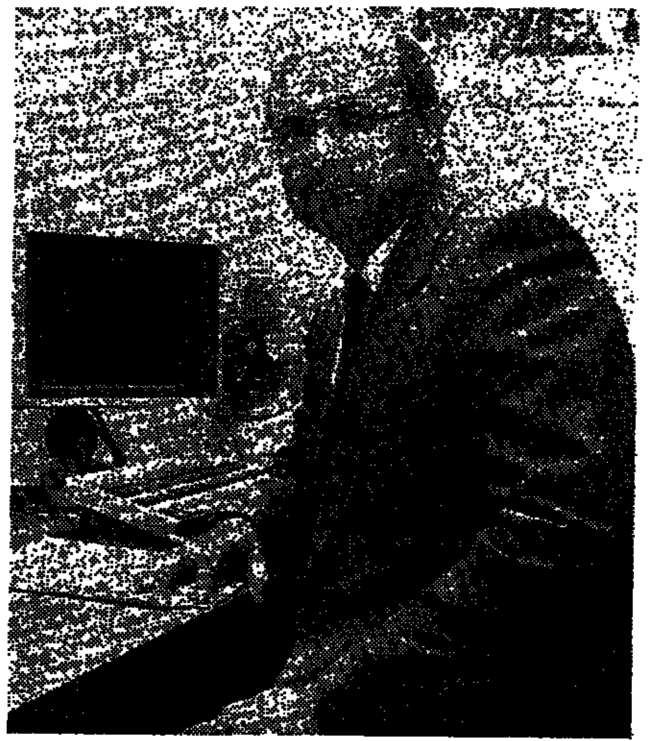

People who care: David Hobman, director of Age Concern England, top left, with two pensioners; Janice Casey, director of Care and Repair Ltd, above; and Nigel Appleton, of Anchor, left

The twin problems of a decaying housing stock and, what David Hobman, the director of Age Concern England, calls "the explosive growth of the rapidly greying element in our society" have focussed attention on the need for more projects — agency services — aimed at helping the elderly to carry on living in their own, properly-maintained homes.

The growing need for such services is there for all to see: the last national study, the 1981 English House Condition Survey, showed that 43 per cent (480,000) of homes classed as unfit were occupied by the elderly. If left alone, the housing problems experienced by the nation's "senior citizens" can only become more acute.

Government recognition of the problem came last year with the announcement that half of the £6 million needed to establish at least 50 new repair and improvement agency services would be met from public funds, with the private and voluntary sectors making up the balance.

Two-thirds of the government money was given to Neighbourhood Revitalization Services, an off-shoot of the building materials industry's National Home Improvement Council, and the remainder to the other leading and experienced organizations in the field: Care and Repair Ltd (for 21 schemes) and the Anchor Housing Trust (six schemes).

The concept of this kind of housing aid was firmly established in 1978-1979, when Shelter, the National Campaign for the Homeless, and Help the Aged jointly sponsored a successful pioneering Care and Repair scheme at Ferndale in the Rhondda Valley, and the Anchor Housing Trust successfully set up in Bradford and Birmingham its first Staying Put schemes.

Care and Repair Ltd now has more than 20 schemes in operation, with and more in the pipeline, and Anchor will soon announce that £6 million has been spent under its Staying Put programme.

Care and Repair and Staying Put are the names for straightforward, uncomplicated projects which help the elderly to stay in their own homes in comfort and security.

This is achieved through the counselling of individual householders and then by organizing agreed building repairs or alterations, making use of builders known to provide a good service.

Although the terms Care and Repair and Staying Put are closely identified with Care and Repair Ltd and with Anchor, there are a number of locally-run schemes, not in association with either organization, which also make use of them. However, all the agencies involved, which are either voluntary or run by the local authority, are non-profit-making.

Care and Repair Ltd is a friendly society set up and financed by Shelter and the Housing Associations Charitable Trust in order to develop and support local projects and to campaign for better housing conditions for elderly owner-occupiers and private tenants. Local Care and Repair schemes employ one or two project workers, who have substantial local knowledge, to advise the elderly.

The building work is paid for by the householder, most commonly from a local authority grant, a building society interest-only loan — a "maturity loan", or from savings. However, since the building societies became subject to consumer credit law, their involvement in this lending has all but dried up. The only big society still advancing loans is Nationwide Anglia, which makes up to £1 million available each month.

Mrs Janice Casey, director of Care and Repair Ltd, believes that "old people have as much right to sensible housing repair advice as they do to a home help service".

Although she admits that it is difficult to know how many people actually need help, with nine of the Government's part-funded Care and Repair schemes up and running, and more to follow by the start of the new year — plus six extra ones funded by the Welsh Office — Mrs Casey will not be content until there is a national network.

She pictures a grim future getting grimmer unless the problem of adequate funding for all Care and Repair and Staying Put schemes is urgently addressed.

"Without resources, the only way in which the situation can get better is if today's elderly homeowners die and their pre-1919 houses are bought up by younger people. But then there's the next generation, currently in their steadily deteriorating inter-war semis."

Mrs Casey says: "Quite a lot of Care and Repair activity is 'baling out' work that has already been started but has proceeded unsatisfactorily."

She takes an all-embracing view of the task of anyone involved in giving housing advice: "Having a huge amount of work done to your house is just as traumatic as moving. It is irresponsible to regard the job as dealing only with building work. You cannot shut your eyes to the problems of the old."

The exploding growth of the rapidly greying element in our society

Care and Repair's "partner", Anchor Housing Trust, is part of "a family of organizations" with strong interests in the provision of sheltered housing. Nigel Appleton, Anchor's projects director, who is responsible for Staying Put schemes, sees the whole problem of maintaining the homes of the elderly as "apolitical"; but it is one that "is not being comprehensively addressed; it is building up".

"There has been a stereotype view of owner-occupiers as privileged people with a choice. In fact, most of those we see are asset rich but income poor. The house can be a liability. The major part of life's work has been to pay off the mortgage. Having done that, people feel secure. But an ageing house occupied by an ageing person means the problem of a decaying house accelerates at the very time when one is less able to cope.

"It takes a lot of support from us to get people to accept the idea of expensive repairs and then to see them through. Old people have a strong need to leave an unecumbered estate. We are dealing with a generation resistant to debt — they don't like to owe even the milkman more than two weeks' money."

Mr Appleton agrees with Mrs Casey that the biggest building problem confronting the elderly is defective electrical wiring followed by decaying roofs. And, like her, he also doubts that voluntary agencies can solve the problem. "Our role is to develop a model and share it with interested parties, particularly local authorities," he says.

The Government is having the schemes which it has part-funded monitored by a team from the University of Bristol. Mr Appleton says: "I believe the Bristol monitoring will demonstrate the real need of the elderly owner-occupier and the effectiveness of this sort of project in addressing it. If it finds that and the Government does nothing, that will be a very cruel joke."

He points out that the cost of providing projects is relatively cheap. A project team of three costs about £40,000 — "small change for local authorities".

"We will soon see £6 million of works completed, and less than half of that is grant money; most comes from equity in property. This is an inexpensive way of seeing that money is properly channelled. Even by fairly rigorous Thatcherite economics that has got to make sense."

Each Anchor scheme sees on average 120-150 people a year interested in having repairs — figures which match Care and Repair's operation — and a little under half will not proceed. "I don't see that as failure. If people have made a decision, that's better than doing nothing. We counsel people on all the options open to them. If they've been referred for Staying Put we don't bolt them to the floor!"

David Bookbinder, of Age Concern, welcomes the Care and Repair and Staying Put schemes. He says: "These agencies are the householder's best protection against the cowboy builder and the rip-off merchant.

"However, we should remember that probably 95 per cent of the elderly do not have an agency service in their area. All schemes are understaffed, and some dare not advertise for fear of being overwhelmed.

"Age Concern does not believe that voluntary organizations alone can do the job; it is unthinkable that they could. Local authorities need the power and the finance to operate in this area of need."

Anthony Cox

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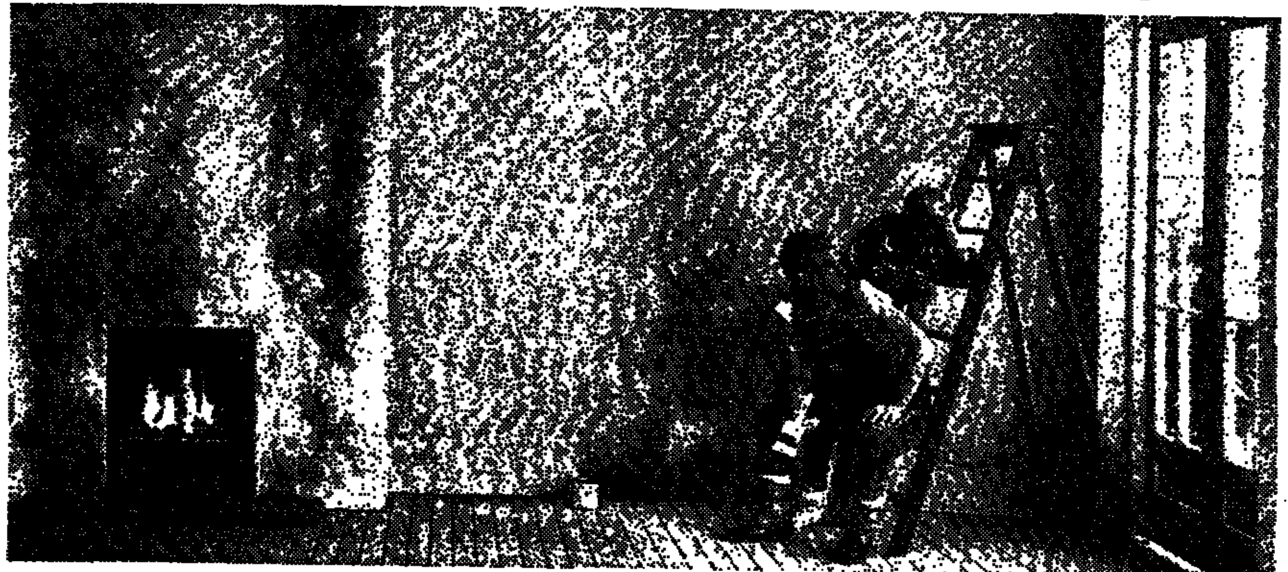

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Free banking, higher interest

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

More help for small businesses emerged from the high-street banks this week including an offer of free banking for 12 months and higher interest payments on business balances in current accounts.

Yesterday, the Co-operative Bank announced plans to beef up its service to small-business customers including an offer of higher interest payments. The bank's pioneering interest-bearing current account for small businesses is to yield a better return, claimed to be the best on the high street, by paying more than 9 per cent gross for balances as low as £10,000. Businessmen will also be able to order transfers of cash by telephone.

The Manchester-based bank is also to split its national branch network so that a proportion can concentrate on the corporate market while the others look after personal banking. Initially the split will be at 25 locations.

Large branches are being divided into two, or where there are two branches in close proximity one will be given over to corporate customers. The corporate branches will still maintain a till for personal customers.

Brian Jones, director of corporate banking, said: "In recent years the small business has been the poor relation compared with the large corporate customer and the personal sector. We are determined to put this right."

Lloyds Bank is the one making the 12-month offer of free banking to businesses with an annual turnover of up to £100,000. The proviso is that accounts are in credit. The bank claims a first for its scheme which it believes could be particularly helpful in giving a new business a head start in its vital first year. A free banking offer for those in credit introduced by the Co-operative Bank lasy year is for a six-month period.

New business customers at Lloyds will also get a free copy of the *Lloyds Bank Small Business Guide*, out yesterday, which explains how to set up and run a business. Other initiatives to help small businesses are being planned, said Roger Bardell, divisional manager for small business services. One will be the broadening of the activities of regional advisers for small business services so as to concentrate more on practical help.

All change at Dover for success

By Roger Pearson

As a bank worker in Kent over a decade ago, Alan Stibbe reckoned there was room to improve the currency exchange facilities offered by the high street banks to cross-Channel travellers at Dover.

But when he opened a private bureau de change there in 1977 to provide exchange facilities outside normal banking hours there were those in local banking circles who branded him a "fly-by-night" who would not last more than a couple of months.

Ten years on he has proved the sceptics wrong. Business is booming. When he set up his bureau in Dover's Townwall Street, 40-year-old Mr Stibbe worked long hours with just one assistant. Today he has six full-time staff and four part-timers.

A year ago he opened a second bureau, on the main A2 road about eight miles from Dover, which is staffed by a further two-full timers and two part-timers.

At the height of summer the Dover premises are open from 8am to midnight seven days a week, and from 8am to 8.30pm at his other exchange. He closes only on Christmas and Boxing Day.

He attributes much of the success of his bureaux to the hours they open. "Offering a service outside normal banking hours gives us a big advantage. I rate it as our big success factor," he said.

Coupled with this is that he is among the minority of independents to match high-street bank currency exchange and commision rates. It is common for independent bureaux to offer exchange rates up to 4 per cent lower than the banks and to charge a higher commission, he says.

The location of his exchanges plays a role in ensuring a steady flow of customers, says Mr Stibbe, but he believes this is a lesser factor in the success of an operation of this nature.

He is now planning to expand and have at least two more exchanges in operation by 1990.

As well as running the bureaux he has diversified into selling cross-Channel ferry tickets for Townsend Thoresen, Hoverspeed, Sealink and the Sally Line. This has resulted in a significant increase in turnover and marries in logically with the currency exchange business.

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Matching bank rates: Alan Stibbe

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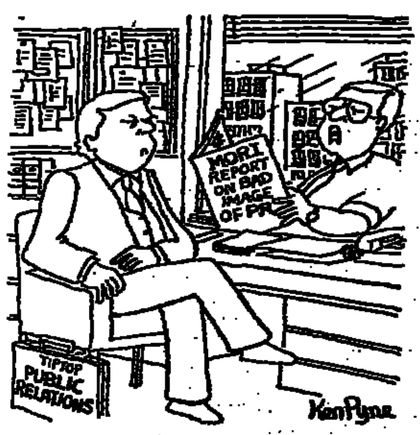

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'Get out of town' is the new message

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The traditional planning policies of local authorities in Surrey to restrict office development to town centre redevelopment schemes are being eroded because opportunities for such schemes are diminishing, Knight Frank and Rutley suggest in a survey of commercial development in the county.

The agents see an inevitable break with the policy, repeated in the Surrey Structure Plan Review, partly because most of the best sites have been taken up and partly because many town centres will find it increasingly difficult to cope with the traffic implications.

While these become progressively more detrimental to the office environment, there are also increasing opportunities for a shift of development to alternative out-of-town locations

They explain that many companies, including BOC, RMC, the Wellcome Foundation and Esso, have succeeded in obtaining planning consents for out-of-town sites, some in the green belt. A further challenge to the town centre as a prime office development location is now coming from the fast-expanding business park concept. The report says that more than 1 million sq. ft. of multi-use space is under construction in Surrey and identifies considerable scope for future development in this sector.

It adds that the new use class order will aid the building of business parks with a high office content, even where local planning authorities adopt policies to prevent pure office development there. The report argues that the Surrey market offers all the conditions for the successful development of business parks with a high proportion of office type space.

As a result of the growing interest in multi-use development, the industrial and warehouse sectors have been neglected. Now that demand is picking up, shortages have started to emerge and rents are rising.

The report says that without exception commercial property markets are performing strongly in Surrey, with the locational advantages of sites in the county emphasized by the completed M25. The result is a growing demand which, because of constraints on supply imposed by planning policies aimed at containing growth, is leading to new record rents.

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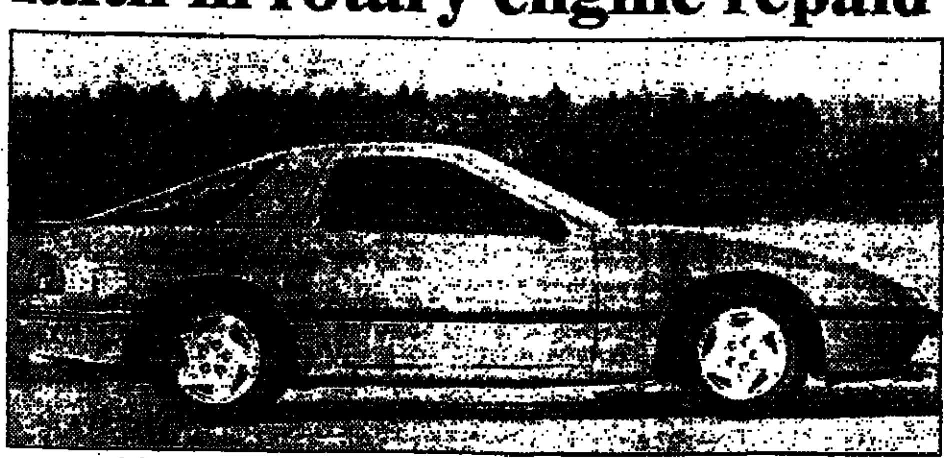
Mazda's faith in rotary engine repaid



Mazda RX7 2+2: Impressive performance marred by excessive thirst

Despite its many setbacks over the years Mazda still persists with the controversial MSU-Wankel licensed rotary engine. It nearly broke Mazda and but for the steadfast belief of one man, Kenichi Yamamoto, the company's famed research chief would have been consigned to the dustbin long ago.

Yamamoto overcame the rotary's biggest weakness – excessive wear in the rotor housing seals – and in the twenty years since the Mazda Cosmo appeared with the first Japanese built rotor engine, has steadily improved its reliability, longevity and power output.

Vital statistics

Model: Mazda RX7
Price: £15,555
Engine: 654 cc x 2 twin rotary equivalent to 2.3 litres
Performance: 0 to 60 mph 8.3 seconds, maximum speed 132 mph
Official consumption: Urban 16.5 mpg, 56 mph, 33.6 mpg and 75 mph 25 mpg
Length: 14.1 ft
Insurance: Group 7.

The prize for success is enormous – high power output, extremely lightweight, very compact size and turbine-like smoothness. The latest version, the twin-rotor (654cc x 2) is the equivalent of 2.3 litres. It produces 148 bhp at 6,500 rpm and powers the Mazda RX7 2 + 2 sports coupé to 60 mph in a very respectable 8.3 seconds and reaches a maximum speed at 132 mph. And it does so with an astonishing lack of vibration or fuss of any kind.

If it is so good why then is the RX7 the only production car in the world still powered by a rotary engine? The answer lies in its excessive thirst. Ten years ago an overall consumption of 18 mpg would have been acceptable for a fast 2.3 litre. Today it is not. In the interim years the traditional reciprocating engine has made significant advances. Today 25 mpg is the norm for this class and size of engine.

If however you are prepared to accept the fuel penalty the RX7 is a delightfully rewarding companion on long or short drives. Redesigned early last year it is now better looking than the Porsche 924S which undoubtedly influenced its styling. It cannot quite match the Stuttgart car's performance since it acquired a genuine Porsche engine instead of the old Audi unit. But at £15,555 the Mazda costs nearly £5,500 less and its exclusivity plays a key role in your choice. There will be far fewer RX7s on the road than Porsches.

A lot of the attention has been given to improving air flow. Helped by the surprisingly small dimensions of the engine, the bonnet line has been lowered still further. Front and rear wings have been "blistered" to cope with the wider track and wherever possible glass is flush fitting. The result is an impressive 0.30 drag co-efficient which explains why it returns an improved 25 mpg at a steady 75 mph.

Up-market version of Polo launched

Polo Ranger: Permanently fitted roof rails improve looks

Ever since the first Volkswagen Polo reached Britain back in 1975 it has attracted the same kind of buyer – those in search of a small practical car built to last by a manufacturer with a worldwide reputation for durability and reliability.

Even after an extensive facelift in 1981 it was still not the most attractive looker in its class. Six years later little has changed outwardly but internally continuous refinement has given the Polo range of hatchbacks, saloons, and coupés, one of the most loyal followings of any small car.

Only recently I heard about a Polo driver who had just acquired his fifth Polo. He told the dealer: "I don't want a car that keeps changing. Every time the manufacturer updates a model it knocks hundreds of pounds off the resale price of the old one."

But that doesn't stop VAG, the Audi-VW importer for Britain from attempting to win new business by guilding the lily. Last year they persuaded the factory to produce a special up-market edition called Ranger. It sold so well that this year it lost its "special status" and became part of the main stream range.

In addition to its Ranger decals it can be identified by permanently fitted roof rails. At extra cost they can be equipped with crossbars to make a roof rack and clips to hold skis, cycles and surf boards.

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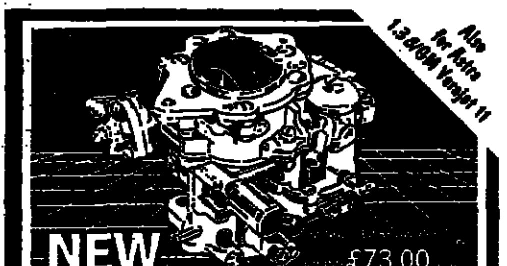

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RUGBY UNION: THE ARRIVAL OF AUTUMN BRINGS TRYING TIMES FOR THE GAME IN WALES

A lesson from the Welsh pupils

By Gerald Davies

If the leaves have yet to change to their ripening ochre and gold, the seasons had shifted over by Tuesday. There was a pinch in the air. A very palpable pinch. The bright sun shone and the clear air carried the whiff of freshly mown grass, the sweet tang of embrocation and the acrid hint of smoke came wafting over from the bonfire near the wood. The scene, the mood and the potent mix of smells was irresistibly that of a late September day. Just about right for rugby.

And down by the banks of the Wye the young men of Monmouth School played their early. yearly match against the Crawshay Committee's young gang drawn from the schools of Gwent and Cardiff. In their unalloyed pleasure they played some exuberant rugby to disperse the gloom, for an afternoon at least, and let in a shaft of light as the sombre first month of the rugby season dragged itself to a close and moves, sulkily and belly-acheing, into October. There has not been much good rugby about; not much for these boys to emulate.

Many a match has been tarnished by the motives of the mugger and, as yet, no club has made any obvious stand against the bad and the ugly. Dishonesty still lies at the heart of any club's response. If internal disciplinary measures are taken then the club frequently does not state what these entail nor mention the player by name. What chance is there of the behaviour improving if such a protective shield suddenly emerges.

And, on a wider issue, what is it that is so paramount about the amateur regulations that has created a mood which encourages a Rugby Union player to lie as to whether or not he has been approached by a Rugby League club. "Comical" was the way Stuart Evans, the former Neath prop, dismissed all the rumours. Twenty-four hours later he had signed the contract. A fortnight later, another slice of farce was played out and involving David Bishop.

All this cloak and dagger intrigue is the stuff simply of pantomime and cannot be taken sriously. To the wider public, the player is the innocent party whilst the International Board, who frame the amateur regulations is viewed clearly as the wicked Sir Jasper. It is the game that is caught with its pants down and the young player looks on bewildered at the antics of his elders and the old prejudices they still harbour.

"Why should a player," the young man may ask, "ignore the offer of a substantial sum and not enter into negotiations to play a different sport?" He is a duffer if he does not consider it, he may conclude.

On the playing field that same young man will not find much else cheerfully to respect. The standard of rugby is abysmally low. Neath, Bridgend and Pontypool are the front runners so far, the first two remaining unbeaten along with Glamorgan Wanderers and Abertillery. Newport, having lost the services of Mike Watkins, last year's captain, and Paul Turner, their record-breaking stand-off half, are in the doldrums and have lost their last six matches.

Whilst Cardiff fare only marginally better, winning only three of their opening eight games. Llanelli and Swansea are limping from pillar to post, not certain what kind of performance they are likely to turn in next.

Club rugby looks tired and complacent, words that certainly did not apply to that schoolboy match in Monmouth. Winning was important but it was allied to so much obvious pleasure, qualities that do not appear necessarily to be compatible to the senior game.

Surprisingly, they handle the ball with a greater dexterity than many of their senior counterparts seem to do and, not so surprisingly, they were always ready for the next imaginative turn. I forget the score but I will remember the game for having so much that is lacking elsewhere.

A change of pace: Stuart Evans, the former Neath prop, who opted to play in Rugby League

A void above the divisional level

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Ireland hold their first squad session of the season this weekend, to the discomfort of a charity game involving a team of leading Irish players. Scotland have already had a match and plan two midweek squads sessions for October 21 and November 18 before choosing their B squad for December. And Wales have a B international on October 17 and a meeting with the United States next month.

Meanwhile, there remains a void just above divisional level in England, regardless of the fact that the first of a series of divisional/national squad meetings was held at Sale this week.

Today's meeting of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) executive committee may fill the hole left by an absence of national selectors and coach but meanwhile the divisions are picking up the slack, assisted by the RFU's paid coaching staff.

Some 30 players attended the North's session on ball retention at Sale and there will be another meeting next month with Tom McNab, the conditioning advisor, in attendance. Both the Midlands and London have their opening squad meetings next week and the South-west will confirm their dates this evening.

At a less exalted level, form for the Toshiba county championship is taking shape. Devon, having played and lost against David East's XV, take a team to play Monmouthshire at Cwmbran on Monday, led by Nick Leonard, the Plymouth Albion centre.

Durham, having beaten their president's XV on Wednesday, will select on Sunday their team to play Cumbria on October 14, hoping that Will Carling will be available. Northumberland's preparation for their match with Yorkshire was against Tynedale, who confirmed their cup form by winning.

Sale's withdrawal from the Girobank Cheshire Cup, after 15 successive wins, creates a much more open competition which begins on Sunday with the preliminary round.

● A new telephone service begins tomorrow, the Courage Rugby Union clubcall, which gives results from the clubs championship. The number is 0898-121160.

Focus on B-feature players

By Chris Than

The advent of the World Cup has paradoxically increased the significance of B fixtures and promoted the need for a coherent coaching policy at all playing levels.

It is not surprising, therefore, that France are the most successful nation in the northern hemisphere, having the benefit of what looks like an endless stream of top-quality players. These are produced by a playing structure which includes B fixtures against the home unions and a comprehensive list of matches at what the French call A level against nations like Italy and the Soviet Union in the FIRA championship.

By the time French players reach top international status they may have played 10 to 20 international matches at various levels of age and playing strength. Add to that the competitive, almost ferocious nature of the French championship at all age levels, as well as a well-developed and confident coaching structure, and the French success is easier to explain.

Scotland have always been developing quietly their B fixture list. They were first to play against the Italians on a regular basis, an example followed by England. The Scottish B game against Italy in December is eagerly awaited after the promising performance of the two young locks, Cronin and Gray, against the French at Galashiels.

"After the good performance of the pack against the French the game against the Italians becomes significant for the way the Scottish squad shape up for the international season."Scotland is a small playing nation and every time we play against the continental teams we learn something," Ian McGeechan, the Scottish assistant coach, said.

England B are also playing the Italians and the French but obviously two B internationals seem too little coming probably too late in the season.

England, like all other home unions, need a comprehensive B fixture list. The success of the first team, as the French proved, is based on development in the B and other representative sides. A possible Five Nations B competition or a new opening towards continental nations like Romania, Soviet Union and Spain could provide the answer.

Wales are likely to benefit from their B game against France in Begles next month."It is very useful being the only game before the US match and before the international season. It is going to be very significant," Tony Gray, the Welsh coach, said.

Wales and France have agreed not to use more than four capped players in their B internationals but while the French benefit from players with substantial international experience, though technically uncapped by IB standards, Wales find themselves limited in their choice with several of their B players capped once in the World Cup when the Welsh squad were depleted by injury.

The French are also interested in the B game after the defeat in Scotland."It is going to be a test for some of our newer and older players. Several positions are up for grabs for the Romanian game," Jacques Fouroux, the French coach, said.

In fact, the French selectors use every international encounter at any level to promote the policy of the French first XV. For example, Fouroux makes sure that five of his World Cup regulars, Ondarts, Blanco, Sella, Champ and Rodriguez — who had missed the Scottish tour — were given a game in Penarth under the banner of the French Barbarians.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Fourth division
Stockport v Cardiff

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Norwich v Millwall

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Barrow v Rochdale.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Calderdale Explorers v Polycell Kingston (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Ladbroke festival (at Great Yarmouth)

EQUESTRIANISM: Chatsworth Audi horse trials.

GOLF: WPGA Guernsey open: Martini Club better ball final (at Wentworth); Dunhill Cup (at St Andrews); PGA Midland professional championship (at Staverton Park); Golf Foundation Schools' team championship qualifying (at Enfield).

SKIING: British ski show (at Birmingham NEC)

SNOOKER: Fidelity international (at Stoke-on-Trent).

SPEEDWAY: British League: Oxford v Wolverhampton; Hackney v Reading; Bradford v King's Lynn. Sletrad Scottish open: Edinburgh. Tour match: Peterborough v Young Czechoslovakia.

SQUASH RACKETS: Blue Stratos British under-21 championship (at Lambs SC). Durham and Cleveland championships (at Durham).

TENNIS: British closed championship (at Telford).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1987: NBC Major League: California Angels v Detroit Tigers. ITV: 4.55 a.m (tomorrow).

INTERNATIONAL GOLF: Dunhill Cup: World professional team championship from St Andrews, Fife. BBC2: 2.15-5 30 p.m.

RACING: 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races from Newmarket. C4: 2.30 p m

SNOOKER: Fidelity international. Coverage of the Semi-finals from Stoke-on-Trent C4: 2.0 and 4 0 p.m ITV: 5.15 and 11.0 p m.

Boy ambassadors extraordinary

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

The picture in the state sector is so gloomy that proof of vigour and enterprise, like the recent tour of South America by the **Windsor Boys' School**, is the more welcome and encouraging.

C. C. Morrell reports that "...the standard of rugby played in both Paraguay and Brazil was higher than John Jackson, the first XV manager, had been led to believe. Hard pitches, high temperatures and local interpretation of the offside laws proved difficult to adjust to. The Windsor Boys played with great spirit and resolution to compensate for the difference in size and strength of the opposition and were excellent ambassadors both on and off the field."

RESULTS: v CURDA 17-group (won 24-14); v CURDA 19-group (lost 13-15). v Encarnacion Lions (18-18); v Paranna Club (won 37-9); v Domus Club (lost 9-33); v Sao Paulo Combinado XV (won 17-14); v Niteroi RFC (won 20-15).

Durham also toured successfully, winning all their matches in Canada, in preparation for what will surely be a highly successful season, judged on good wins in their early matches. They have 12 county players at 16 or 18 group available.

RESULTS: v Manitoba Juniors (30-8): v Calgary (18-15): v Edmonton (34-9); v Meralomas (21-7); v St Michael's University School (9-4), v Brentwood (13-8).

Bryanston were encouraged by a good win over the touring Zimbabwe school, Peterhouse, whom they defeated 12-3, thanks largely to a fine performance by their back row, Mark Metcalf, Rupert Culme-Seymour and Luke Benson. Well though the Peterhouse No. 8 and captain, Simon Arnold, played, they managed only a penalty to three tries, scored for Bryanston by Culme-Seymour (two) and Marcus Macintosh.

Trent College, possessors of a powerful pack, have started well, drawing with **Stamford** (two penalties apiece) and beating **Bromsgrove** 20-9 (not 9-9, as reported in some papers). This was a particularly commendable win as Trent were trailing 9-0 at the interval.

Llandovery are also prospering. They won the Midland Schools XV-a-side tournament at Walsall, beating Queen Mary's, Walsall 10-6.

RACING

Last chance for Saint-Martin to land fifth Arc

By George Rae

Yves Saint-Martin makes his farewell Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe appearance on Sunday, his final contribution, at least as a jockey, to one of the world's premier races.

Saint-Martin, who rides Natroun for the Aga Khan, will be attempting a fifth victory and there is no disguising the importance of the day to him. "The Arc de Triomphe has been the highlight of my career," he said. "To win it four times has been wonderful."

Many of Saint-Martin's favourite memories are linked to the Arc, notably "the finest moment of my career" when Sassafras beat Nijinsky in 1970. "I knew Nijinsky would come with a late run and I knew Sassafras would stay," he recalls. "Sassafras battled on and a last desperate effort saw us home."

However, his greatest affection remains for another Arc winner, Allez France. Although beaten in 1973 — "I was thinking we would win when Rheingold and Piggott fell on us" — she prevailed the following year, a victory which was as much a testament to Saint-Martin's will and determination as Allez France's massive ability.

Saint-Martin broke a hip in a paddock accident 10 days before the race and was told three weeks in bed was the best cure. He shunned medical advice, pursued his own remedy of heat treatments and swimming, and after riding out two days before the race passed himself fit.

Allez France, as if mindful of her responsibility, held off Comtesse De Loir by a head. "M Wildenstein had left the decision to me and I chose to ride. She was 2-1 on and I still shiver when I think about it," he said.

It was not always like that. Saint-Martin, the son of a prison warder from Agen, in south-west France, had the misfortune to fall on his first ride in public, and it was another three months before he recorded his first winner, Royalic, at Le Tremblay in 1958.

His initial big-race success was on Solitude in the 1960 Prix Morny, one of 107 winners which gave him the Cravache d'Or (Golden Whip) for the first of 15 occasions.

In an age of increasing international travel it seems parochial to suggest that only France will suffer from Saint-Martin's impending retirement at the end of the season.

He has graced many stages with an outstanding talent, not least England, where he is one of few French jockeys to have largely escaped a criticism which can border on derision. He has been a fine ambassador for his country and his profession.

Saint-Martin, who has ascribed his success to an affinity for all animals, not only horses, will turn his attention to becoming a bloodstock agent.

"I have been involved with horses all my life," he said. "And I would consider television work concerned with racing. I also have interests in a chain of restaurants."

Saint-Martin, now 46, will also retain more than a passing interest in the day-to-day racing scene. His son, Eric, is rapidly building a promising career as a jockey.

Mtoto to take his chance in big race

By Michael Seely

Alec Stewart yesterday added further excitement to the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe when announcing that Mtoto is to take on Reference Point and Triptych in Europe's richest and most demanding flat race on Sunday.

"There has been no pressure on me from Sheikh Ahmed and it's entirely my decision," said the 33-year-old Scotsman. "But I'm going to Paris with hope rather than confidence as he hasn't had a race since winning the Eclipse on July 4."

Mtoto's defeat of Reference Point at Sandown, coupled with his earlier victories on the same track and at Ascot, have made the four-year-old one of the hottest properties in the sport. And a gallop over seven furlongs on the Limekilns yesterday morning satisfied Stewart that the horse was fit enough to do himself justice.

Michael Roberts, aged 33, and 11 times champion jockey of South Africa, has excelled himself in his patient handling of Mtoto. "It's my first mount in the Arc and I'm very excited about it, particularly as I'm also riding Waajib, and possibly Invited Guest, the same afternoon.

"I'm sure he'll stay the mile and a half but I'm going to take him there as late as possible. He's a fresh horse."

Reference Point remains favourite at 6-5 on with Triptych and Mtoto both on offer at 4-1.

● A half share in Trempolino, the recent Prix Niel winner, has been sold to the American owner, Bruce McNall, for an undisclosed sum.

Reference Point a tentative choice

By Gerald Hubbard, *The Times* Private Handicapper

With the exception of Mtoto, **Reference Point** towers head and shoulders above his rivals in Sunday's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. However, it is important to emphasize that he has not run up to his best form in his last two races.

The apogee of his career was the King George and on *that* form Triptych, despite her subsequent exploits, appears firmly held.

At his best, Mtoto would pose a potent threat. He seemed to stay a mile and a half on his only attempt at the distance as a three-year-old, but a line through Triptych indicates that Reference Point ran marginally below form in the Eclipse.

Of the remainder, the French colts Groom Dancer and Natroun have substantial leeway to make up on Reference Point. Orban is the dark horse of the race and the full extent of his ability is unclear.

It would be pleasing to give a wholehearted recommendation to Reference Point but niggling doubts remain.

Tomorrow's annual cavalry charge, the William Hill Cambridgeshire, provides its usual share of knotty problems. The winner almost invariably shows form at least a stone in advance of the original mark of the official handicapper.

There are several improving sorts in the race — Bronzewing, My Noble Lord, Shabib, Sharblask, Willieswrightoncue, Terminator and Pictograph to name a few. But the two who have made the most improvement since the weights were compiled are Pixie Erin and Riot Squad.

Pixie Erin made all to win a group three event at the Curragh. In that race, Shaikiya (gave 4lb) was third (btn 1l) and the four-year-old Grey Goddess (gave 18lb) was a further two lengths away fourth.

The merit of that victory was considerable since Shaikiya includes a narrow defeat by Sonic Lady among several high class performances this season.

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Prince Bold. 2.30 Greensward Boy. 3.0 Juvenile Prince. 3.30 Ramadi Dawn. 4.0 Levantine Rose. 4.30 Master Brabinger. 5.0 Gara Star.

Going: firm

2.0 BOGMARSH NOVICE HURDLE (£899: 2m 3f) (11)

1	4421	HOME OR AWAY 6 (F) J Baker 4-11-5	M Williams
5	00	KALA PANI 20 (V) S Dow 5-10-10	R Guest (4)
7	24	LARS NILSEN 9 B Smart 5-10-10	R Dunwoody
8	P0/P	LUMINIST 29 G Yardley 7-10-10	W McFarland (7)
9	40-0	MR GRAPEFRUIT 13 P Davis 5-10-10	M Caswell
13	0	PINE MEMBER 8 D Gandolfo 5-10-10	E Waite
17	0	TWIGHLIGHT MOTH 7 B Palling 9-10-10	C Evans
21	400-	PRINCE BOLD 197 M Robinson 4-10-9	J White
23	403-	ACTIA 165 E Owen Jun 6-10-5	D Skyrme (7)
25	0-	MATTYE LEE 405 S Dow 5-10-5	A Charlton (7)
28	PP0/	REGAL WHIM 730 D Bell 5-10-5	Lorna Vincent

5-2 Lars Nilsen, 3-1 Home Or Away, 4-1 Prince Bold, 5-1 Actia, 9-1 Mr Grapefruit, 12-1 Pine Member, 14-1 others.

2.30 PENCOED NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (£830: 2m) (11)

1	-003	ATHLETES' WEEK 7 D Williams 4-11-7	R Dunwoody
2	00-0	GREGORIAN CHANT 9 (BF) M Oliver 4-11-7	E Buckley (4)
7	P	BANDYANN 41 J Bradley 4-11-2	D Tegg (7)
9	00-0	LA BELLE OF SANTO 18 B Wells 4-11-2	Mr M Darby
10	0	PLUM BOSSY 9 M Usher 4-11-2	C Mann
13	00	AL LUDHER 23 G Thorner 3-10-7	W McFarland (7)
14	4	CHARLOU'S CHOICE 46 R Juckes 3-10-7	T Wall
15		CLEARWAY R Hodges 3-10-7	W Irvine (7)
17		GREENSWARD BOY K Ivory 3-10-7	M Richards
18	P.	HELENS HERO 34 M Pipe 3-10-7	P Scudamore
19	0	KACERE 57 Wm Price 3-10-7	A Price (7)

7-4 Gregorian Chant, 3-1 Greensward Boy, 6-1 Helens Hero, 8-1 Athletes' Week, Charlou's Choice, 10-1 Clearway.

3.0 KINGS CAPLE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,275: 3m 1f) (3)

1	1110	JUVENILE PRINCE 20 (B,C,BF,F,G,S) M Oliver 9-11-10	E Buckley (4)
2	434-	TUDOR ROAD 136 (CD,F,G,S) C Popham 12-11-7	B Powell
4	00-F	CITADEL ROC 8 (B,D,F,S) J Bradley 12-10-0	D Tegg (7)

4-5 Juvenile Prince, 7-4 Tudor Road, 4-1 Citadel Roc.

3.30 RACING POST HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,864: 2m) (8)

1	341-	RAMADI DAWN 165 (CD,F,G) F Walwyn 6-11-11	K Mooney
5	2321	CORAL HARBOUR 8 (D,F,G) I Wardle 5-11-3	M Williams
7	U-33	RUSTY ROC 1 (S,D) M Davies 6-11-1	W Knox
9	-830	MONCLARE TROPHY 8 (D,F) P Bevan 8-10-13	R Dunwoody
11	3P0-	RYANS DOVE 151 (D,S) M Pipe 6-10-11	P Scudamore
17	UFP-	RUE ST JACQUES 216 (B) B Smart 4-10-0	B Powell
18	P211	SHOUT 10 (F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-10-0	S Davies (7)
22	4F0-	CRAVEN BOY 181 (CD,F) R J Price 6-10-0	R Beggan

11-4 Rusty Roc, 7-2 Ramadi Dawn, 9-2 Coral Harbour, 5-1 Monclare Trophy, 6-1 Shout, 8-1 Ryans Dove, 20-1 Craven Boy.

4.0 TURFCALL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,825: 3m 1f) (4)

4	01-2	LEVANTINE ROSE 13 (F) (CD) M Pipe 7-11-10	R McNiece
7	-0UU	NEW HALEN 20 A James 6-11-9	M Hoad
9	13FB	ROSA RULER 8 (F) I Wardle 9-11-7	D Morris
15	-U44	ROYAL GURKHA 21 R Frost 7-10-11	C Hopwood

11-8 Levantine Rose, 7-4 Royal Gurkha, 5-2 Rosa Ruler, 16-1 New Halen.

4.30 BOLSTORE NOVICE CHASE (£2,146: 2m 3f) (5)

6		ARTFUL FELLA P Rodford 9-11-1	P Richards
10	23F2	MASTER BRABINGER 9 A Barrow 8-11-1	P Hobbs
12	U0P0	RED NICK 8 (F) Mrs M Babbage 9-11-1	N Babbage
13	0000	SAVOIR VIVRE 7 T Casey 6-11-1	R Dunwoody
19	3UP4	JANEYS DELIGHT 13 J Smith 6-10-10	S J O'Neill

8-11 Master Brabinger, 7-2 Janeys Delight, 6-1 Savoir Vivre, 8-1 Red Nick, 10-1 Artful Fella.

5.0 GRUNWICK STAKES NH FLAT RACE (£921: 2m)

3	0	A LAD INSANE 6 K Bailey 6-11-3	Mrs T Bailey
4	0	ANGLESEY RAMBLER 13 D Williams 5-11-3	A Gardener (7)–
5	0-	GARA STAR 155 D Murray-Smith 5-11-3	S Saltmarsh (7)
7		PURDY'S SON R Hodges 5-11-3	W Irvine (7)
8	40-	SPEARHEAD WARRIOR 307 K White 5-11-3	Karen Gurney (7)
9		SUPATINGO J Chugg 5-11-3	Mr R Bellamy (7)
10	2	THE FLY BOYS 28 B Forsey 5-11-3	C Llewellyn (7)
14		AYRMER COVE R Holder 4-11-2	A Dicks (7)
17		JAY'AY'DEE B Preece 4-11-2	Mr R Bevan (7)
24		SUPREME STANDS BY C Vernon Miller 4-11-2	S Cowley (7)
25		TEWTRELL LAD J Bukovets 4-11-2	S Cusack (7)
27	0	JOLLY GIRL 162 H Manners 5-10-12	Miss S Clarke (7)
29		CERI GIRL B Palling 4-10-11	S Carter (7)
30		KIRI'S SONG J Needham 4-10-11	T Pinfield (7)
31		MISS DORSET D McCain 4-10-11	—
32		PORTODAMUS Miss S Waterman 4-10-11	Miss S Waterman
34	0-	WILD BUTTONS 188 Lady Hemes 4-10-11	Mr T Grantham (4)

15-8 The Fly Boys, 9-4 A Lad Insane, 5-1 Gara Star, 6-1 Aymer Cove, 8-1 Spearhead Warrior, 10-1 Wild Buttons

Course specialists

TRAINERS: F Walwyn, 8 winners from 30 runners, 26.7%; M Pipe, 20 from 82, 24.4%; P Davis, 5 from 22, 22.7%; K Bailey, 15 from 77, 19.5%; R Holder, 7 from 47, 14.9%; M Oliver, 7 from 61, 11.5%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 23 winners from 102 rides, 22.5%; R Dunwoody, 13 from 74, 17.6%; K Mooney, 8 from 49, 16.3% (Only qualifiers).

Law Report October 2 1987 Court of Appeal

Duty of councillor on how to cast his vote in relation to party policy

Regina v Waltham Forest London Borough Council, Ex parte Waltham Forest Ratepayers Action Group

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment September 24]

The duty of an individual councillor was to make up his own mind on how to vote giving such weight as he thought appropriate to the views of other councillors and to the policy of the group of which he was a member. It was only if he abdicated his personal responsibility that questions could arise as to the validity of his vote.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the Waltham Forest Ratepayers Action Group against the refusal of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (*The Times*, July 31) to grant judicial review of the resolution of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on March 10, 1987 in making the general rate for 1987-88, with increases of up to 62 per cent.

Mr James Wadsworth, QC and Mr Anthony De Freitas for the ratepayers action group: Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC and Mr Patrick Elias for the council.

The MASTER OF TJE ROLLS said that the council had resolved to levy a domestic rate of 302.5p in the £ and 321p for non-domestic. That represented increases of 62 per cent and 56.6 per cent respectively.

Not unnaturally many ratepayers objected to so steep an increase in their rates and the action group had sought judicial review of the resolution fixing the rates. The findings of the Divisional Court, who had examined and rejected all the action group's complaints, were accepted save one.

Six or seven councillors had voted for the resolution notwithstanding that in their view the proposed rates were unreasonably high. Had they abstained or voted against the resolution, it would not have been passed since the voting was 31 for and 26 against.

Mr Wadsworth had submitted, rightly, that no one other than a member of the rating authority could determine whether or not to make a particular rate and that each member present at the meeting considering the resolution had a personal and individual duty to consider the issues involved and to reach his own decision.

Before the Divisional Court it had been contended that some of the councillors had voted for the resolution on instructions from a body known as the Local Government Group, which was composed of representatives of the Labour Party of the three parliamentary constituencies which made up the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

Had that allegation been made good, and it was not now maintained, the councillors concerned would quite plainly have been in breach of their statutory duty and the resolution would have been invalid, since it could not be said to have been the decision of the rating authority.

The allegation maintained in the appeal was a variation of that complaint. As was common practice, the members of the council who were members of the Labour Party and formed the majority group held private meetings at regular intervals at which they discussed forthcoming council business and determined what the policies of the group should be.

Such a meeting took place in advance of the rate-making meeting and the extent (if any) to which the new rate should be higher was the subject of considerable discussion in which differing views were expressed. In the end the group resolved to support the resolution which was put to and passed by the council.

That decision by the majority group was not, however, unanimous. Six or seven councillors voted against it, yet all voted for the resolution in council.

No one could complain if the councillors had re-examined the issues and changed their minds between the group meeting and the meeting of the council. Mr Wadsworth, however, submitted that there was no change of mind. The reason why they voted for the resolution was that they were subject to party discipline and to the political "whip" system.

They voted as they did, not because they considered that the resolution should be passed, but because, in the light of the majority group's private vote, their discretion had been fettered and they had no option but to vote as they did.

If that could be made out on the facts, his Lordship would have had no hesitation in holding that the councillors had been in breach of their duty to make up their own minds on the issue of what was an appropriate rate and would have been minded to quash the resolution. However, that had not been made out on the facts.

The majority group had adopted the nationally approved "standing orders for Labour groups on local authorities", under which members were required to refrain from speaking or voting in opposition to the decisions of the Labour group unless it had been decided to leave the matter to a free vote.

There was a conscience clause but it appeared to have been directed primarily at issues involving religion or temperance.

The standing orders also made a distinction between the general run of council business and cases in which the council or its committees were acting in a "quasi-judicial capacity (eg licensing of theatres and cinemas, etc" when "each member shall form his or her own judgment according to the evidence".

That led Mr Wadsworth to argue that the rules did not permit a member to form his or her own judgment in relation to other matters, even one of such fundamental importance as the rate resolution. His Lordship did not so read the rules.

It was well settled that councillors could have general policies in relation to any matter, including the licensing of theatres and cinemas, and the distinction which was being made was between a situation in which the council had to determine a factual matrix to which a policy could well be applied from one in which no determination of particular facts was necessary.

It was not possible to have a policy as to the existence of facts and they had to be determined by each member on the evidence.

His Lordship did not find those rules in any way objectionable. What would have been objectionable would have been a provision that a member had forthwith to resign his membership of the council if, in the absence of a conscience situation, he intended to vote contrary to group policy. That would have fettered his discretion and make him a mere delegate of the majority group.

But that was not the position. Standing orders made provision for the withdrawal of the whip if a member acted in breach of them, but there was nothing to prevent his continuing to be an independent member of the council and to vote as he saw fit.

In practice in Waltham Forest, failure to toe the party line led in the first instance only to a reprimand, next to removal from chairmanships and only as a last resort to withdrawal of the whip.

To quash the council's decision upon the grounds that the majority group operated a whipping system based upon those standing orders and the existence of private policy making meetings would be casting doubt upon the legality of the procedures adopted by political groups of local councillors throughout the country. It would also, by implication, be criticizing the system operating in Parliament itself.

In an appropriate case his Lordship would have no hesitation in doing so, but he saw no possible reason for adopting such a course. So long as councillors were free to remain members despite the withdrawal of the whip and so long as they remembered that whatever degree of importance they attached to group unity, the ultimate decision was for them and them alone as individuals, there was no undermining of statutory safeguards.

Looking at the evidence, the individual councillors had all made their own personal decisions.

Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Russell delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Richards Butler; Mr P. J. North, Walthamstow

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Doyoun.
2.00 All Haste.
2.35 Albacore.
3.10 Salse.
3.40 OSRIC (nap).
4.10 Kefaah.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 DOYOUN (nap).
2.00 Kufuma.
2.35 Kirpan.
3.10 Salse.
3.40 Island Set.
4.10 Kefaah.

By Michael Seely

2.35 KIRPAN (nap). 3.10 Salse. 3.40 Vouchsafe.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

1.30 WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £5,072: 7f) (21 runners)

101	(3)	0	ALI MOURAD 57 (BF) (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	—
102	(16)		ALKINOR REX (M Peraticos) M Francis 9-0	C Rutter	—
104	(13)		BELMOREDEAN (J Hartnett) A Stewart 9-0	W Newnes	—
105	(14)		CAPE PIGEON (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 9-0	T Ives	—
107	(6)		COSSACK WARRIOR (Mrs A James) R Hutchinson 9-0	R McGhin	—
108	(12)	22	DEFENCE POLICY 70 (BF) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Asmussen	94
109	(11)		DOYOUN (Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
110	(17)		FRENCH DADDY (Mrs C Straub-Rubens) C Brittain 9-0	G Baxter	—
111	(15)	3	HOUSE OF COMMONS 14 (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
112	(7)		JAVANESE (D Jananto) L Piggott 9-0	NON-RUNNER	—
113	(5)		KHOREVO (T Blackwell) W Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	—
117	(10)		NIRAN (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	—
119	(20)		RAYKOUR (Aga Khan) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	—
120	(19)	0	REEDLING 48 (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery	94
121	(4)	0	RIGHT STEP 10 (W Du Pont III) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	B Rouse	—
124	(9)		SAGAMO (J Nash) J Hindley 9-0	M Hills	—
125	(2)	00	SARMAD 10 (T Melld) A Jarvis 9-0	—	—
126	(21)		SEVEN OF DIAMONDS (T Keeping) D Elsworth 9-0	J Lowe	—
127	(1)		TEMPLEGATE (A Perry) G Lewis 9-0	G Sexton	—
129	(8)	0	CHARME THE NICKLE 20 (Mrs V del Bono) J Dunlop 8-9	R Fox	—
131	(18)		DESERT PALM (Mrs R Wigley) N Vigors 8-9	S Dawson	—

BETTING: 11-4 Doyoun, 4-1 House Of Commons, 8-1 Cape Pigeon, Niran, 10-1 Reedling, 12-1 Defence Policy, 14-1 Raykour, 17-1 Ali Mourad, 20-1 others.

1986: POLLENATE 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-1) J Tree 27 ran

FORM DEFENCE POLICY, perhaps unsuited by soft ground last time, can win a maiden judged on short head 2nd (9-0) to Top Class (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £4390, good to firm, Jly 7, 13 ran).

DOYOUN (Foaled: Mar 8), who is out of a French Guineas winner and a half-brother to Dalsaan and Dalayna.

HOUSE OF COMMONS (8-11) ran a race full of promise when 5l 3rd to Unfuwain (8-11) at Newbury (1m, £5917, good, Sept 18, 15 ran).

JAVANESE (Foaled: Mar 12, Cost: $575,000) is half-brother to top-class April Run.

REEDLING (9-0) looks sure to improve on a 2l 5th of 27 to Minster Son (9-0) at Newbury (7f, £4573, good to firm, Aug 15).

Selection: HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.0 GODOLPHIN STAKES (£8,912: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

201	(2)	342011	ALL HASTE 24 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-8-11	S Cauthen	● 99
203	(6)	133004	HOLLOW HAND 13 (G) (Mrs S Purcell) A Hide 4-8-11	R Guest	91
204	(1)	243133	KUFUMA 16 (V,D,F,G,S) (Z Al-Kulaib) G Huffer 5-8-11	R Cochrane	96
206	(4)	213213	CROWN RIDGE 20 (D,G) (I Allan) C Wall 3-8-6	B Raymond	86
207	(7)	122130	POLISH COUNT 7 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-6	W R Swinburn	97
208	(5)	1031U0	TIMEFIGHTER 21 (D,F) (K Abdulla) J Tree 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	93
210	(3)	1-30322	TROJAN MISS 28 (F) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 3-8-0	W Carson	93

BETTING: 11-4 All Haste, 4-1 Trojan Miss, 5-1 Kufuma, 6-1 Hollow Hand, Timefighter, 7-1 Crown Ridge, Polish Count.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM ALL HASTE, successful over a longer trip in minor company recently, is very useful over 1m 4f judged on 1¾l 4th (8-9) to Sharanya (8-8) at Evry (1m 4f, £36698, good, Jun 13, 8 ran).

HOLLOW HAND, 4th in 1m 5f handicap last time, previously (9-0) 9l 5th of 8 to Knockando (8-4) in Group 3 race at Kempton (1m 3f 30yds, £17780, good, Sept 4).

KUFUMA lacks consistency, had one of his going days when 3l 3rd (9-5) to Baba Karam (8-10) in Group 3 event at the Curragh penultimate start (1m 4f, IR£15425, good, Aug 15, 7 ran).

CROWN RIDGE moves up from handicap company after a good 3l 3rd (10-1) to South Parade (9-0) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yds, £8579, good, Sept 12, 6 ran).

POLISH COUNT is unproven at this trip, he finished a below par 7th last time, earlier (9-7) 4l Ascot winner from Running Flush (8-12) (1m 2f, £8298, soft, Jly 25, 10 ran).

TIMEFIGHTER last seen at his best when short head Newbury winner (9-7) over Orient Line (8-9) (1m 4f, £10067, good to firm, Aug 15, 10 ran).

TROJAN MISS appears to be ideally suited by the 1m 2f trip she had when 2l 2nd (8-11) to Nom De Plume (9-4) in a three-runner race at Kempton (1m 2f, £8174, good, Sept 4).

Selection: ALL HASTE

2.35 CREDA HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,072: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

C 4

301	(3)	104211	ALBACORE 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Hollingworth) W Hern 9-9 (5ex)	W Carson	94
302	(15)	01129	ASTRONAUT PRINCE 76 (BF,G,S) (Prince A Salman) H Cecil 9-7	S Cauthen	96
303	(12)	1-23240	BUCHAN NESS 63 (F) (A Struthers) J Dunlop 9-5	C Asmussen	94
305	(4)	0-01020	NORMAN INVADER 6 (F) (O Bading) L Cumani 8-13	R Cochrane	95
306	(14)	140022	KIRPAN 25 (B,F) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-13	Pat Eddery	98
308	(6)	130	VERSATILE 105 (S) (The Queen) I Balding 8-12	T Ives	94
309	(1)	13	KALSHAN 7 (D,BF,G) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-10	W R Swinburn	94
310	(7)	03-13	SALOPARD 13 (D,F) (J Lamotte) M Jarvis 8-8	B Raymond	86
311	(5)	010-	FALLING LEAF 395 (F) (B Haggas) W Haggas 8-7	M Hills	85
314	(2)	132300	SERGEANT SMOKE 7 (B,F) (Exors S-Smith) D Arbuthnot 8-4	M Roberts	93
315	(8)	040201	DIAMOND FLIGHT 32 (D,G,S) (P Talbot-Ponsonby) R Hannon 8-2	B Rouse	96
316	(9)	224200	BUCKRA MELLISUGA 34 (Abigail Ltd) J Toller 8-2	R Fox	96
317	(11)	000000	HIS HIGHNESS 55 (F) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 7-11	J Lowe	94
319	(10)	400002	YUVRAJ 20 (B) (J Swift) G Lewis 7-7	C Rutter	● 99
321	(13)	140440	RED TWILIGHT 8 (G) (T Bell) R Whitaker 7-7	G Bardwell (5)	90

BETTING: 4-1 Kirpan, 5-1 Albacore, Astronaut Prince, 6-1 Kalshan, 9-1 Norman Invader, 12-1 Versatile, Salopard, 14-1 Buchan Ness, 16-1 others.

1986: MYTENS 9-5 Pat Eddery (6-1) J Tree 10 ran

FORM ALBACORE, Ayr handicap winner last time, previously (8-11) beat KIRPAN (8-11) 1½l in minor event at Nottingham (1m 2l, £2847, good, Sept 7, 11 ran).

ASTRONAUT PRINCE, disappointing favourite when last time out in July, earlier in that same month (10-1) ran Athens Gate (9-2) to a neck at York (1m 1f, £5338, firm, Jly 10, 9 ran).

NORMAN INVADER last ran over this trip at Doncaster when (8-9) finishing ½l 2nd to Dawn Love (7-9) (£5275, good, Sept 10, 14 ran).

KALSHAN, easy maiden winner on debut, next time (8-2) one pace 4¾l 3rd to Shooting Party (9-4) at Ascot (1m 2f, £8493, good, Sept 25, 11 ran), with SERGEANT SMOKE (7-10) 8th.

DIAMOND FLIGHT improved in a Epsom claimer last time (9-0) beating Storm Force (8-4) a head (1m 2f, £3179, good, Aug 31, 11 ran).

BUCKRA MELLISUGA, still a maiden and below form since (9-7) running a length 2nd to Abu Muslab (9-0) at Newcastle (1m, £3049, good, Jly 25, 5 ran).

Selection: DIAMOND FLIGHT

3.10 SOMERVILLE TATTERSALL STAKES (2-Y-O: £10,547: 7f) (6 runners)

C 4

404	(6)	11	SALSE 28 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-1	S Cauthen	98
405	(1)	122	SUNGULL 28 (G) (P Brant) W Hern 9-1	W Carson	92
406	(2)	313	TOP CLASS 46 (D,F) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-1	M Roberts	82
408	(3)	1313	GERRNAS 20 (D,F) (Prince A Salman) G Harwood 8-12	A Clark	● 99
409	(4)	141140	GLAMGRAM'S BEST 6 (B,F,G) (Miss E Tully) R Boss 8-12	B Raymond	84
413	(5)	231	RAWNAK 10 (B,D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-12	Pat Eddery	76

BETTING: 4-9 Salse, 9-2 Germas, 10-1 Sungull, 12-1 Top Class, Rawnak, 25-1 Glamgram's Best.

1986: IMPERIAL FRONTIER 8-8 G Starkey (15-8 fav) L Cumani 7 ran

FORM SALSE, currently second favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas, was a (9-1) very impressive 6l York winner (7f, £4292, good, Sept 3, 7 ran) from Strike Force (8-11) last time. The form of that race is working out well.

SUNGULL (8-11) was flattered to finish a head 2nd to comfortable winner Rahy (8-11) in Listed race company at Kempton (6f, £7752, good, Sept 4, 4 ran) last time; previously (9-2) finished 5l 2nd to Always Fair (9-5) at York (7f, £12135, soft, Aug 18, 4 ran) with TOP CLASS (9-2) 7l 3rd.

GERRNAS (9-0) was far from disgraced when finishing 5¾l 3rd of 6 to Caerwent (9-0) in the National Stakes at the Curragh (7f, £104450, good to soft, Sept 12).

GLAMGRAM'S BEST, blinkered for the first time here, showed best form when (9-4) a short head winner from True Fact (9-4) in a nursery on the July course (6f, £11842, good, Aug 1, 10 ran).

RAWNAK (9-0) was all out to beat Star Generation (9-0) a head in a Leicester maiden last time (7f, £2731, good, Sept 22, 15 ran).

Selection: SALSE

3.40 TOLLY COBBOLD HANDICAP (£6,136: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

C 4

501	(10)	0-02100	ISLAND SET 90 (F) D (D Reid) L Cumani 5-9-10	R Cochrane	92
504	(3)	2411-0	TAVIRI 72 (D,F) (K Buchanan) G Harwood 4-9-5	A Clark	84
507	(2)	0011	IMPEACH 101 (D,F,S) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-9-1	Pat Eddery	90
513	(6)	1-23120	OSRIC 23 (D,F,G) (R Scott) M Ryan 4-8-7	G Bardwell (5)	97
514	(9)	1-10000	BEN ADHEM 43 (C,F,G) (G Kidd) H Candy 5-8-7	W Newnes	87
515	(8)	033142	INVASION 79 (BF,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-6	C Asmussen	88
516	(13)	000000	WESTERN DANCER 13 (D,F,G,S) (L Spencer) C Horgan 6-8-6	E Johnson	● 99
517	(4)	00-0241	VOUCHSAFE 21 (D,F,G) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 5-8-6	W Carson	95
518	(11)	4-00000	POKEY'S PRIDE 8 (F) (Mrs M Mann) R Sheather 4-8-5	M Hills	95
520	(1)	4-00001	RENO RALPH 16 (V,D,F) (J Dutlet) G Huffer 4-8-2	B Crossley	91
521	(5)	420020	EBOLITO 13 (G) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-0	M Roberts	88
523	(7)	343410	FOUR STAR THRUST 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Turner) R Whitaker 5-7-12	J Lowe	90
525	(12)	120130	STEP IN TIME 22 (D,F) (M Wenfeld) P Makin 4-7-11	C Rutter	91

BETTING: 3-1 Vouchsafe, 4-1 Impeach, 6-1 Invasion, 7-1 Step In Time, 8-1 Ebolito, 9-1 Island Set, 10-1 Osric, Four Star Thrust, 12-1 others.

1986: ISLAND SET 4-9-3 R Cochrane (100-30 fav) L Cumani 15 ran

FORM ISLAND SET (9-3) won this race last year (1m 4f, £5688, good to firm, Oct 3, 15 ran) by a length from Varadi (8-5), with BEN ADHEM (8-4) 4¾l 5th.

TAVIRI, in need of run when always behind on reappearance, last year (9-2) beat Lake Erie (8-11) 2l at Lingfield (1m 4f, £959, firm, Oct 9, 7 ran).

IMPEACH (8-12) a 1¾l winner from Voracity (9-10) at Brighton in June (1m 4f, £4386, good to soft, 6 ran).

OSRIC runs well here as a (9-0) 1½l 2nd to Buckley (9-10) proved (1m 6f 171yds, £4123, good to soft, Aug 28, 9 ran).

INVASION (9-0) showed best form at York (2m, £3057, good to soft, Jun 12, 4 ran) when a 3l winner from Artful Dodger (9-0).

VOUCHSAFE (8-7) beat Ballydurrow (8-7) 3l at Doncaster last time (1m 4f, £3200, good, Sept 11, 10 ran) with RENO RALPH (8-2) 5½l 6th.

POKEY'S PRIDE has been disappointing since a (8-9) 2¾l 5th of 20 to Treasure Hunter (7-7) at Newcastle (2m, £22599, good, Jun 27), with EBOLITO (7-7) behind, but is well handicapped on that run.

Selection: OSRIC

4.10 WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £5,169: 7f) (25 runners)

601	(19)		AHOY (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Asmussen	—
602	(23)		ASSATIS (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
603	(17)	2	CHARMER 99 (BF) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	83
606	(13)		EL CASTILLO (Mrs A Muinos) G Lewis 9-0	G Sexton	—
607	(22)	42	FOREIGN SURVIVOR 16 (BF) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douieb 9-0	T Ives	81
609	(25)		IRAN SCAM (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stute 9-0	M Hills	—
612	(15)		KALEIDOSCOPE (Lady H de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	—
613	(10)	2	KEFAAH 14 (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	● 99
616	(5)	0	NASEEB 21 (Y Nazib) N Callaghan 9-0	B Rouse	—
618	(8)		NAZIRZAD (Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
620	(7)		RARE WORDS (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-0	P Bloomfield	—
621	(11)	0	RASLAAN 16 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0	R Guest	—
622	(16)		SASSINO (Mrs A Caserta) W Hastings-Bass 9-0	— 16	—
623	(14)		STAG PARLOUR (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-0	W Newnes	—
624	(18)	0	TURBINE BLADE 16 (A Ali) L Piggott 9-0	J Matthias	71
625	(21)	0000	VICEROY JESTER 10 (F Broom) D Elsworth 9-0	S Dawson	60
628	(20)	4	FLATTERING NEWS 15 (Prince A Salman) S Norton 8-9	J Lowe	68
629	(24)	00	HARMONY PARK 78 (G Mills) M Ryan 8-9	G Bardwell (5)	—
631	(6)		LA GARONNE (F Walton) C Chartet 8-9	A Shoults (3)	—
632	(1)	0	LEFT 36 (Mrs C Knowles) M Johnston 8-9	R P Elliott	—
633	(2)	0	LIVE IMAGE 27 (Mrs V del Bono) J Dunlop 8-9	J Reid	—
634	(4)	3	MARLENE'S DAYS 21 (J Allbritton) J Watts 8-9	S Cauthen	79
635	(3)		MESSARIA (Mrs H Cambanis) John FitzGerald 8-9	G Baxter	—
636	(9)	0	NATIVE FLAIR 23 (R Arculli) A Armstrong 8-9	M Roberts	—
638	(12)		SHINGLE RIDGE (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-9	A Clark	—

BETTING: 11-8 Kefaah, 5-1 Foreign Survivor, 7-1 Charmer, 8-1 Marlene's Days, 10-1 Ahoy, 12-1 Nazirzad, 14-1 Assatis, 16-1 Raslaan, Live Image, 20-1 others.

1986: TWEETER 9-0 G Starkey (6-1) G Harwood 21 ran

FORM CHARMER (8-11) was made favourite to beat Undercut (8-11) at Salisbury, when far from disgraced by 4l defeat (6f, £11508, good, Jun 25, 8 ran).

FOREIGN SURVIVOR (9-0) was caught close home by Nickle Plated (9-0) at Yarmouth and beaten a neck (7f, £1272, good, Sept 16, 9 ran). A further 7½l back in 6th was TURBINE BLADE (9-0) and RASLAAN (9-0) out of the first nine.

KEFAAH (8-11) keeton well to finish a length 2nd to more experienced Unfuwain (8-11) at Newbury (1m, £5917, good, Sept 18, 15 ran).

MARLENE'S DAYS should improve on 2½l Doncaster 3rd (8-2) to Ramsh (8-6) (6f, £2550, good, Sept 11, 10 ran) with NASEEB (8-7) 8th.

Selection: KEFAAH

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	87	357	24.4	S Cauthen	98	589	16.3
M Stoute	55	348	15.8	Pat Eddery	70	505	13.9
W Hern	34	215	15.8	W R Swinburn	53	391	13.6
G Harwood	47	337	13.9	W Carson	62	507	12.2
H Candy	17	123	13.8	S Dawson	8	74	10.8
L Cumani	38	278	13.7	W Newnes	11	108	10.2

Michael Hills drives out Lockton to victory in the Main Reef Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. Hills went on to complete a double on Slip And Stick (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Salse can enhance his reputation with fluent victory

By Mandarin

Henry Cecil, surprisingly without a winner after two days of this important Newmarket meeting, can put matters right by landing today's two most valuable prizes at Headquarters.

Salse is expected to enhance his already considerable reputation with a clear-cut success in the Somerville Tattersall Stakes while All Haste can initiate a listed race double for the Warren Place trainer in the Godolphin Stakes.

An impressive winner of both his starts at Yarmouth and York, Salse can confirm his position among the season's leading juvenile colts by beating the consistent Sungull with something to spare.

Dick Hern's colt has been unlucky to come up against Michael Stoute's talented pair, Always Fair and Rahy, on his last two starts and he may have to play second fiddle again today.

As he did at York, Steve Cauthen is likely to use forcing tactics on Salse, ensuring a true-run race and thus providing informative form lines for the major autumn two-year-old contests to come.

Of the remaining quartet, I have most regard for Gernas, a fair third to the highly-rated Caerwent in Ireland on his last start. However, there is no evidence to suggest he is in the same league as Salse.

All Haste is also chasing a treble after winning minor staying events at Haydock and Pontefract where he started long odds-on each time.

Lightly-raced last season, All Haste's form this term includes a third to Mtoto at Sandown in May and a second to stable companion Orban at Royal Ascot. A reproduction of either of those performances should be good enough to cope with today's rivals, several of whom are moving up from handicap company.

For the day's outstanding investment, though, I turn to the Tolly Cobbold Handicap where the versatile and consistent Osric makes strong appeal now that he reverts to his best trip.

A good hurdler last winter when he finished fifth in the Triumph, Osric has run well in all five of his races on the Flat this season. He has not raced over today's distance of 1½ miles since April when he defied top weight in a valuable Epsom handicap.

Following a long summer break, Osric has run well in defeat over extended 14-furlong trips at Newmarket and Doncaster. I particularly liked his comeback effort when second to the subsequent dual group race winner Buckley at Headquarters.

Despite those good performances, Osric remains on a handy mark and with the in-form apprentice Gary Bardwell reducing his weight by a further 5lb, Mick Ryan's four-year-old has everything in his favour.

Luca Cumani's juveniles are running particularly well at present and Kefaah looks another winner for the Newmarket trainer in the second division of the Westley Maiden Stakes.

An eye-catching second to Unfuwain on his Newbury debut, Kefaah runs here rather than take on Salse in the Somerville Tattersall Stakes. Significantly, Kefaah is Cumani's only Dewhurst Stakes acceptor and he may have most to fear today from the promising Charmer, another Dewhurst possible.

Those to have raced in the first division do not look quite as good and it may pay to side with Michael Stoute's beautifully-bred newcomer, Doyoun. By Mill Reef out of the 1974 French 1,000 Guineas winner Dumka, Doyoun is reported to have been working particularly well at home.

Big double looks on for Cumani

By Michael Seely

Bookmakers were only prepared to offer 34-1 against Luca Cumani becoming the first trainer in living memory to land the autumn double after Ray Cochrane had produced Buckley with a perfectly-timed late run to overwhelm Daarkom and Lembill in an exciting finish to the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket yesterday.

Shabib is already favourite at 6-1 to give the patient trainer his third win in tomorrow's Cambridgeshire, and now Buckley, who had only been allotted 8st 7lb in the Cesarewitch, has had his odds slashed from 12-1 to 4-1 for the long distance race.

At Newmarket in a fortnight, Daarkom is set to concede 11lb to Buckley but on this occasion the runner-up was receiving 3lb. "We mustn't get too over-excited as these handicaps are a lottery," said the trainer. But the record books show that the second leg of the double is always vulnerable to an improving horse, who is virtually certain to stay 2¼ miles.

"I'm delighted with Buckley," the trainer continued "He's improved so much this season, particularly in the last two months. And as you saw today he's got this ability to quicken which makes him one of the best stayers in the country. He's got to go for the Cesarewitch as he doesn't get a penalty."

Pat Eddery extended his lead over Steve Cauthen to eight when winning the opening Alington Maiden Stakes on Frozen Flower for Ben Hanbury, who went on to complete a 233-1 juvenile double with Slip And Stick in the Bloodstock and General Insurance Stakes.

"My two-year-olds have come right after being out of form," said Hanbury. "Frozen Flower now goes for the Rockfel Stakes and my Newbury winner, Spanish Pine, is a pretty useful colt."

Michael Hills, who partnered Slip and Stick, had earlier initiated a 77-1 double when driving Lockton to a decisive victory over Free Fact in the Main Reef Stakes.

"The owner, Alan Gibson wants to race him in the States," said Jeremy Hindley, Lockton's trainer. "We're sending him over to Belmont Park for the Kelso Stakes on Sunday week. Angel Cordero is going to ride him. After that he's being sent to California to be trained by Angel Penna."

Hills shared the day's riding honours with Michael Roberts who showed himself to be in peak form for Sunday's ride on Mtoto when completing a 76-1 double on Dealers Delight and Clear Her Stage.

Arab race winner was 'ringer'

By Christopher Goulding

The Jockey Club confirmed yesterday that the heavily-backed winner of an Arab horse race at Market Rasen on September 5 was a "ringer".

Immediately after Champagne Lover, who was the subject of a gamble from 16-1 to 2-1, had galloped away from his 18 rivals, questions were asked about the horse's identity.

Now the Jockey Club has revealed that the gelding was really a thoroughbred, Cecconi, who had won under Flat racing rules in 1980. A full inquiry will be held in four weeks' time.

The gelding was running for the first time in an Arab horse race. He was never out of the first two and turning for home his rider, Nicky Ledger, let him have his head and he came home 12 lengths clear of his nearest rival.

Bookmakers were immediately suspicious. Des Gleeson, who attends every Arab race meeting, said: "I took a right hammering. We lost about £3,000. The people who put on the cash were a rough lot — they were faces I had never seen before. I don't think we will see them again."

Eddy Dennis, the winning owner-trainer, said after the victory: "He had been show jumping but did not like it. We knew he could gallop and he has been working well at home."

Dennis had intended to run Champagne Lover in the Internatonal meeting at Kempton Park on September 19 but was not allowed to participate after Racecourse Security Services had discovered the horse's true identity.

Clive Chapman, the former National Hunt jockey, said: "I was booked to ride the gelding at Kempton and had ridden him in a gallop a couple of days before the race. He gave me a great feel and I was confident of victory."

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 In Clover.
2.45 Roker Roar.
3.15 Crystal Moss.
3.45 Santella Grey.
4.15 Y V Tucker.
4.45 No Beating Harts.
5.15 Sumara.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 In Clover.
2.45 Little Upstart.
3.15 Manjaniq.
3.45 Dayajeer.
4.15 Y V Tucker.
4.45 Restless Rhapsody.
5.15 Sumara.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 ROKER ROAR.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft **Draw: 6f-1m, low numbers best**

2.15 KNUTSFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £1,756: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

2	(6)	020202	BLAZE OF GOLD 18 (W Airey) E Alston 8-11	M Fry	76
6	(2)	0	COUNTESS OF HONOUR 9 (T Tek Tan) M Jarvis 8-11	T Lucas	91
9	(7)	00	DON'T LOITER 18 (J Mountain) L Cottrell 8-11	T Lang (7)	—
14	(11)	3-303	GOLDEN PAMPAS 21 (A Shead) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	95
15	(12)	3-40240	GRAND ECLIPSE 69 (W Norton) P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway (3)	● 99
17	(5)	0	IN CLOVER 18 (L Freedman) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	91
21	(8)	0000-00	KIND OF CLASS 157 (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 8-11	J Carroll (5)	—
22	(1)	0-03000	KOPJES 15 (V) (J Jeyes) D Laing 8-11	S Whitworth	70
25	(9)	000000	LOVEABLE PRINCESS 8 (M Tabor) M Ryan 8-11	N Day	—
28	(10)		NUNS ROYAL 438 (M Kavanagh) R Dickin 8-11	J Williams	—
38	(4)	322320	TECANA 24 (V) (Lord Clinton) P Walwyn 8-11	N Howe	97
40	(3)	0	TOP SECRET 48 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	G Carter	—

BETTING: 3-1 Tecana, 7-2 In Clover, 4-1 Top Secret, 5-1 Grand Eclipse, 7-1 Golden Pampas, 8-1 Countess Of Honour, 10-1 Blaze Of Gold, 14-1 Loveable Princess, 20-1 others.

1986: NOBLE FILLE 8-11 G Duffield 10-1 J Dunlop 14 ran.

2.45 ALTRINCHAM SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,490: 6f) (22 runners)

1	(14)	000104	FIRMLY ATTACHED 13 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Ramsden) T Barron 9-2	D Nicholls	89
2	(8)	002400	MR BERKELEY 52 (V,F) (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 9-2	G Duffield	72
5	(21)	000000	DOHTY BABY 31 (S) (R Whiting) H Whiting 8-13	S Quane (5)	—
6	(3)	123234	GLORY GOLD 3 (S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-13	K Darley	83
8	(17)	000230	KNOCKSHARRY 4 (D,F) (P White) R Hollinshead 8-13	P Hill	84
10	(22)	040034	PASHMINA 15 (V,F,S) (Mrs M Morley) T Fairhurst 8-13	K Hodgson	80
11	(11)	010-000	TYRIAN PRINCESS 84 (B,F) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-13	T Quinn	94
13	(16)	0000-	ATAKASHACK 359 (Miss E Curtis) C Tinkler 8-11	M Wood	—
14	(13)	000	BARITONE 4 (B) (C Dingwall) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler	78
17	(19)	0000-00	FEASIBLE 146 (T Daniels) Pat Mitchell 8-11	Gay Kelleway (3)	97
18	(7)	000400	GARI ME 19 (V) (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 8-11	N Adams	82
20	(6)	000000	MAD MAX 13 (T Ellis) P Haslam 8-11	D J Williams (5)	90
21	(20)	000	PECCAVI 45 (Mrs S Arnold) M McCourt 8-11	R Wernham	—
22	(10)	000200	ROKER ROAR 45 (B) (R Murray) M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	● 99
23	(4)	000000	SEARCH THE WIND 18 (C Cyzer) M Usher 8-11	M Wigham	—
24	(1)	00-0040	SOHAM'S TAYLOR 16 (B) (Godiva Bearings Southern Ltd) W Haggas 8-11	R Hills	—
25	(15)	300400	SUPREME OPTIMIST 6 (B) (A White) R Peacock 8-11	P Cook	91
28	(2)	240330	HOLTS WAY 32 (North Cheshire T & S Ltd) D Haydn Jones 8-8	P John (5)	90
29	(18)	000200	LITTLE UPSTART 13 (B) (Mrs E Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8	G Carter	98
30	(5)	000900	MISS LAWSUIT 20 (T McElroy) L Cottrell 8-8	N Carlisle	—
33	(12)	00	SOME DOWRY 11 (D Chapman) D Chapman 8-8	S Wood (7)	—
35	(9)	330000	SYSTEMS GO 6 (A Spalding) Mrs S Redlem 8-8	J Carroll (5)	89

BETTING: 7-2 Roker Roar, 9-2 Tyrian Princess, 5-1 Pashmina, 6-1 Glory Gold, 8-1 Firmly Attached, 10-1 Knocksharry, Holts Way, 12-1 Supreme Optimist, 14-1 others.

1986: WEBSTERS FEAST 9-2 W Wharton (9-1) M McCormack 14 ran

3.15 OUTLAND HANDICAP (£5,431: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1	(2)	000/200-	ABU KADRA 526 (D,F,G,S) (T Painting) J Francome 6-9-10	L Dettori (5)	90
4	(5)	02/1000-	MAIN REASON 325 (CD,F,S) (F Lee) F H Lee 5-9-6	R Lappin (5)	89
7	(12)	10	MANJANIQ 35 (BF,G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-9-2	R Hills	91
8	(3)	2-00221	CASTLE IN THE AIR 15 (G) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 3-9-0	G Duffield	● 99
10	(7)	409102	MASKED BALL 13 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (P Calver) P Calver 7-9-0	M Fry	96
13	(11)	404001	KING TEFKROS 20 (G,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 4-8-9	G Carter	94
14	(1)	0-20000	AVEC COEUR 4 (B,F,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 5-8-9	J Carr (5)	86
15	(10)	4-04	CRESTED 28 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 3-8-3	B Proctor	92
18	(4)	00-0142	ONE TO NOTE 70 (G) (Mrs M O'Toole) C Tinkler 3-8-0	A Culhane (5)	94
21	(6)	211413	CRYSTAL MOSS 21 (CD,BF,G,S) (J Tombs) W Brooks 4-7-13	J Carter (5)	91
23	(8)	0-42430	REGENT LAD 8 (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 3-7-10	L Charnock	91
26	(9)	0-00440	RECORD WING 28 (F,G,S) (Small Acorns Ltd) D Haydn Jones 9-7-7	Dana Mellor (7)	90

BETTING: 3-1 Castle In The Air, 7-2 Manjaniq, 5-1 Masked Ball, Crystal Moss, 7-1 One To Note, 8-1 King Tefkros, 10-1 Crested, 12-1 Abu Kadra, Main Reason, 14-1 others.

1986: CONVINCED 4-9-10 A Clark (2-1 jt-fav) G Harwood 7 ran

3.45 NORTH LANCASHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,190: 1m) (18 runners)

2	(8)	0-3200	BOB FOREST 25 (A Balzarini) M Jarvis 9-0	T Lucas	87
3	(18)	43	CAMINO REAL 16 (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	G Carter	90
5	(14)	00	GREENHILLS PRIDE 16 (L Audus) M Ryan 9-0	N Day	80
7	(17)	0	I SHALL STAY 30 (J Tree) J Tree 9-0	S Raymont	—
8	(2)	0	MORASCO 52 (C St George) H Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
10	(11)	44	PIGEON ENGLISH 67 (L Freedman) P Walwyn 9-0	N Howe	81
11	(10)		PIPICANTE (Lady H de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0	W Ryan	—
12	(5)	0024	RESIDENCY 93 (R Richmond-Watson) D Laing 9-0	S Whitworth	89
15	(9)	0222-2	SANTELLA GREY 151 (R Taiano) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	98
16	(1)	00	SHIMONI 18 (R Stuart) L Cottrell 9-0	T Lang (7)	—
17	(7)	32200	SLEUTH 9 (K Al-Said) J Hindley 9-0	M Wigham	● 99
18	(4)	340	SPHINX 7 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	80
20	(15)	0	THIN RED LINE 16 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	P Cook	—
21	(13)	000000	UNDERSHAFT 41 (H Whitton) N Bycroft 9-0	L Charnock	73
23	(3)	00	BENARES 20 (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Laing 8-11	N Adams	—
25	(12)	24	DAYAJEER 16 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	96
28	(6)	0	GHOST SHIP 87 (Miss L Morrish) L Cottrell 8-11	N Carlisle	—
30	(16)	003803	HYATTI 18 (A Mutawa) J Dunlop 8-11	G Duffield	93

BETTING: 5-2 Santella Grey, 3-1 Camino Real, 9-2 Sleuth, 5-1 Morasco, 6-1 Hyatti, Dayajeer, 10-1 Sphinx, 12-1 Thin Red Line, 14-1 Bob Forest, 16-1 others.

1986: (Div I) AUCHINATE 9-0 A Clark (10-1) G Harwood 7 ran
(Div II) BIEN DORADO 8-7 A Geran (20-1) B Hanbury 9 ran

4.15 OCTOBER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,625: 7f) (16 runners)

3	(15)	30304	HORATIAN 20 (J Tudor) N Vigors 9-7	P Cook	90
6	(1)	240D1	Y V TUCKER 20 (B,D,S) (Sir G White) M Stoute 9-5	G Starkey	86
7	(14)	049	CREVE COEUR 32 (BF) (M Moss) P Makin 9-5	Paul Eddery	84
8	(5)	030	ES-PORT 27 (P Howell) J Edwards 9-3	W Ryan	90
11	(16)	222200	LOVE TO DANCE 20 (Full Circle Thoroughbreds C Plc) N Tinkler 9-2	G Duffield	87
12	(13)	0014	GILDED YOUTH 14 (B,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J W Watts 9-1	N Connorton	84
13	(7)	380	PITY'S PET 25 (D Hunt) J Spearing 9-0	G Hind (7)	86
14	(10)	400100	OUR KRYSTLE 13 (V,F) (G Atkinson) D Moffatt 8-11	M Fry	86
16	(11)	131002	YUFFROUW ANN 14 (F,G) (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 8-10	M Wigham	● 99
17	(8)	4430	TRUE QUEEN 8 (G Lock) J Bethell 8-10	P Barnard (7)	87
21	(12)	03000	JUBILENT KING 10 (Mrs N Parks) R Thompson 8-7	G Carter	90
23	(6)	0004	HARKEN PREMIER 69 (Premier Properties Ltd) W Pearce 8-6	D Nicholls	81
24	(9)	400000	REALLY GORGEOUS 17 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-6	K Darley	90
26	(3)	004010	BRITANNIA BELL 4 (D,G) (K Ward) M Brittain 8-5	A Munro (7)	98
27	(2)	022310	RUSTIC DAWN 50 (B,F) (M Birchall) R Juckes 8-4	—	85
28	(4)	010000	BIG AITCH 7 (F) (A Hamill) N Tinkler 8-4	Kim Tinkler	89

BETTING: 2-1 Y V Tucker, 5-1 Creve Coeur, 6-1 Britannia Bell, 7-1 True Queen, 8-1 Gilded Youth, Horatian, 10-1 Yuffrouw Ann, 12-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.45 BRYN HANDICAP (£3,880: 5f) (19 runners)

2	(19)	210000	CHAPLINS CLUB 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 7-9-10	Paul Eddery	97
6	(13)	020000-	LAURIE LORMAN 328 (D,F,G,S) (A Singley) M McCourt 5-9-4	A Tucker (7)	87
7	(12)	040021	SKI CAPTAIN 26 (CD,G) (J Etherington) J Etherington 3-9-2	K Darley	91
10	(15)	000030	DUCK FLIGHT 94 (D,G,S) (R Dunsdon) J Douglas-Home 5-9-0	W Ryan	90
14	(4)	401409	SPACEMAKER BOY 9 (CD,F,G,S) (T Drake) R Thompson 7-8-11	G Duffield	93
15	(1)	202000	CAPEABILITY POUND 14 (D,F,G,S) (Capes Ser Ltd) N Bycroft 4-8-7	R Lappin (5)	97
16	(17)	432000	BENZ BELLE 44 (T Bennett) M H Easterby 3-8-6	M Birch	91
17	(6)	002024	PENDOR DANCER 7 (D,F,G) (W Patterson) J Berry 4-8-6	Dana Mellor (7)	96
18	(5)	030000	BLAZING HIGH 14 (B) (K Seow) R Hutchinson 3-8-6	N Connorton	98
19	(14)	300000	NO BEATING HARTS 11 (D,F,S) (T Hart) M McCormack 4-8-5	R Wernham	81
21	(7)	02320U	NAGEM 74 (F) (D Brereton) L Barratt 4-8-3	P Hill	93
23	(8)	030032	RESTLESS RHAPSODY 11 (D,BF,F,G) (W Haggas) W Haggas 4-8-2	R Hills	93
24	(9)	001000	DENSBEN 15 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 3-8-2	P Burke (7)	90
28	(2)	000210	MANDRAKE MADAM 11 (D,F,S) (D Knights) Denys Smith 4-7-13	M Fry	91
30	(16)	000040	MUSIC REVIEW 10 (D,F,G) (Movedive Ltd) M Tompkins 4-7-9	G Carter	92
31	(18)	003400	IMPALA LASS 11 (D,F,S) (R Shaw) B McMahon 4-7-8	L Charnock	87
32	(11)	090040	CAPTAIN'S BIDD 6 (D,F,G) (R Whiting) H Whiting 4-7-7	G Hind (7)	86
33	(10)	300404	HIGH VELOCITY 11 (V) (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 4-7-7	P Barnard (7)	94
34	(3)	00-0004	BECKINGHAM BEN 9 (H Pickering) J Leigh 3-7-7	J Quinn (5)	● 99

BETTING: 4-1 Ski Captain, 5-1 Restless Rhapsody, 6-1 Pendor Dancer, 7-1 Nagem, 8-1 Mandrake Madam, 10-1 Chaplins Club, Benz Belle, 12-1 Beckingham Ben, 14-1 Spacemaker Boy, 16-1 others.

1986: RAMBLING RIVER 9-9-3 G Duffield (9-2 fav) W A Stephenson 13 ran

5.15 KNUTSFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £1,756: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

1	(4)	000-0	ANAKA 48 (T Warner) K Stone 8-11	M Birch	77
4	(11)	0302	CANDY'S SISTER 66 (R Waugh) W Jarvis 8-11	W Ryan	81
5	(12)	00-0400	COLDWATER CANYON 15 (C Wright) D Laing 8-11	N Adams	87
7	(7)	000300	COURTWOOD 24 (B) (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11	Paul Eddery	90
10	(10)	033224	EXOTIC SOURCE 14 (D Agnew) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	● 99
19	(2)	00000	KAHIYNA 32 (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	K Darley	89
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BETTING: 2-1 Sumara, 7-2 Exotic Source, 4-1 Tropical Flower, 6-1 Courtwood, 7-1 Little Stint, 12-1 Candy's Sister, 14-1 Reputation, Kahiyna, 16-1 others.

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Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	31	72	43.1	G Carter	9	37	24.3
J Hindley	9	29	31.0	T Quinn	14	63	22.2
G Harwood	23	78	29.5	G Starkey	11	58	19.0
W Hern	16	62	25.8				
M Stoute	19	77	24.7				
B Hills	19	95	20.0				

Only qualifiers

TOMORROW

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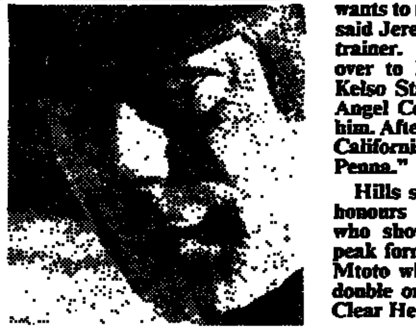

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

1.30 (6f) 1, FROZEN FLOWER (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Buzugh (M Roberts, 16-1); 3, Corn Seed (W Newnes, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Thunderflash (5th), 5 In The Rigging (6th), 12 Nouniya, 16 Comfrey Glen, 20 Auntie Nick, Fille d'Esprit, Pastrana, Quilotem, Sonbere, Rhein Jewel, 33 Annie Bee, Annie Mundy, Be Fabulous, Dabble, First Fastnet, Five Star Pat, Having A Blast (4th), Jewel In The Wind, Lady Of Shalott, Melanoura, Mirage, Moonlight Princess, Pro Scania, Sheshells. 27 ran. 2l, 1l, sh hd, sh hd, 2½l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £8.50; £2.50, £7.10, £2.60. DF: £82.90. CSF: £125.84. 1min 15.30sec.

2.0 (1m) 1, DEALERS DELIGHT (M Roberts, 6-1); 2, Midnight Raver (C Asmussen, 10-1); 3, Santec (G Carter, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Miss Camellia (disq), 5 Final Sound (4th), 11-2 Dolichocephalic (5th), 10 Valuation, 14 Red Master, Sicilian Swing, 20 Flash Bird, The Watfordian, 25 Puddy Tat, 33 Anthony Paul, Happy Hunting, Zarafion, Meira Lady. 16 ran. Hd, 1l, 1½l, 1½l, 1½l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £5.60; £1.90, £2.80, £21.40. DF: £36.30. CSF: £67.47. 1min 42.20sec. Miss Camellia finished third but was disqualified and placed last as her rider failed to weigh in. Bought in 6,500gns.

2.35 (1m 2f) 1, LOCKTON (M Hills, 2-1); 2, Free Fact (W Carson, 7-1); 3, Water Boatman (C Asmussen, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Bengal Fire (5th), Celtic Ring (4th), 66 Saint Joie (6th). 6 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 2½l, 3l, 5l. J Hindley at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £3.30. DF: £9.60. CSF: £13.60. 2min 6.88sec.

3.5 (5f) 1, SLIP AND STICK (M Hills, 25-1); 2, Aptitude (C Asmussen, 8-1); 3, Sonilla (A Culhane, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Symi, 11-2 Nimble Feet (5th), 15-2 Madam Taylor, Pampered Dream (6th), 10 Jeronima, 12 Ffynnongroyw, 14 Hard To Stop, Valrosa Lady, 20 Carroll Castle, Ems Express (4th), 33 Nasdarovye, Jersey Rose. 15 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, sh hd, 3l, hd. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £76.70; £12.90, £2.40, £4.10. DF: £143.90. CSF: £203.63. Tricast: £2,309.14. 1min 2.03sec.

3.40 (2m) 1, BUCKLEY (R Cochrane, 8-1); 2, Daarkom (M Roberts, 4-1 fav); 3, Lemhill (P Cook, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Dry Dock (6th), 5 Ala Hounak, Sadeem, 11-2 Angel City (4th), 10 Kudz, 12 Saronicos (5th), 66 Jamesmead, 100 Mighty Flash. 11 ran. 2l, 1½l, nk, 3l, hd. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £8.60; £2.30, £1.70, £12.20. DF: £13.20. CSF: £38.05. 3min 27.73sec.

4.10 (6f) 1, CLEAR HER STAGE (M Roberts, 10-1); 2, Floral Charms (S Cauthen, 11-2 fav); 3, Tarsa (Pat Eddery, 15-2); 4, Careless Whisper (N Carlisle 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Green's Picture, Kept Waiting, 9 Make Or Mar, 10 Norapa, 14 So Kind (6th), 16 Casbah Girl, 20 Copper Creek, Lake Tana, Sleepers, Mary Carmen, 25 Indian Jubilee, Nible Blue, 33 Supreme Rose, Vague Lass (5th), Garnet, Kala's Image. 20 ran. NR: Indian Set. 4l, ½l, ½l, 1½l, sh hd. J Sutcliffe at Epsom. Tote: £14.60; £3.30, £2.00, £1.40, £4.90. DF: £42.20. CSF: £61.29. Tricast: £405.63. 1min 13.13sec.

Jackpot: not won. Pool of £1,450.50 carried forward to Newmarket today. Placepot: £476.10.

Fontwell Park

Going: firm

2.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Above All Hope (D Murphy, 1-4 fav); 2, Inger-Lea (8-1); 3, Pastures Green (6-1). 5 ran. 5l, 30l. B Curley. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.07. Bought for 7,300gns.

2.30 (2m 2f 110yd) 1, Boardmans Style (M Kinane, 5-1); 2, Lector (100-30); 3, Brave Hussar (4-1). Latin American 7-4 fav. 7 ran. 12l, 3l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £11.20; £3.30, £1.80. DF: £16.60. CSF: £21.55.

3.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Staghound (R Rowe, 2-1); 2, Disport (7-1); Detroit Sam (7-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Celtic Crackle. hd, 15l. Tote: £3.10; £2.00, £2.90. DF: £13.60. CSF: £15.84.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Davy's Weir (R Rowe, 8-1); Toukshad (11-2); 3, Attila S Smith Eccles (11-2). Trackers Jewel 4-7 fav. 11 ran. NR: Vandenberg, Twice As Fresh, Inger-Lea. 5l, 3l. J Gifford. Tote: £10.90; £2.90, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £25.60. CSF: £54.11.

4.0 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Fast Escape (R Rowe, 11-2); 2, Rushy Mead (2-1); 3, Dusi Conquerer (11-1). Aberoy Evens fav. 6 ran. NR: Topnetter. 1l, dist. J Gifford. Tote: £5.50; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £6.00. CSF: £16.95.

4.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Va Lute (R Beggan, 5-1); 2, Habcan (6-1); 3, Boscean Chieftain (11-2). Amanda Jane Evens fav. 11 ran. Wink Gulliver, Sparkling Britt, Bill Lavender, Little Timing. 7l, 2l. J Francome. Tote: £5.90; £2.00, £4.40, £2.20. DF: £95.80. CSF: £41.64.

Placepot: £332.35.

Taunton

Going: hard

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, All Pall (P Croucher, 12-1); 2, Pen Taw (2-1 fav); 3, Dublinaire (9-4). 7 ran. ¾l, 1½l. J Bennett. Tote: £9.70; £3.80, £1.10. DF: £9.10. CSF: £32.33.

2.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Diaphantine (J Frost, 5-4 fav); 2, Seclusive (6-4); 3, Light Hills (12-1). 4 ran. NR: Sharaan. sh hd, 6l. R Frost. Tote: £2.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.40. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

3.15 (2m 150yd ch) 1, Able Dan (P Richards, 15-2); 2, Members Only (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Proverbial Session (40-1). Drum Maker 9-4 jt-fav. 9 ran. 10l, dist. G Ham. Tote: £9.70; £1.70, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £20.80. CSF: £23.61.

3.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Smiling Bear (P Scudamore, 4-6 fav); 2, Visual Identity (9-2); 3, Old Ford Tavern (7-2). 5 ran. 15l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £2.00. DF: £3.90. CSF: £3.92.

4.15 (3m ch) 1, The Floorlayer (M Williams, 11-4); 2, Britannicus (13-2); 3, Vimpol (2-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Grey Tarquin. 8l, 2½l. J Baker. Tote: £3.90; £2.20, £1.90. DF: £7.90. CSF: £16.59.

4.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Dick's Folly (J Lower, 5-1); 2, Rusty Roc (11-10 fav); 3, Lizzy Longstocking (12-1). 6 ran. 7l, dist. R Hodges. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £10.46.

Placepot: £62.60.

● Criquette Head, successful with Ravinella in Wednesday's Cheveley Park Stakes, saddled another good two-year-old when Radjhasi won the group three Prix Eclipse at Saint-Cloud yesterday. British challengers Saint Nicholas and Topsy Moor were sixth and eighth respectively.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.35 Kirpan. HAYDOCK: 2.45 Pashmina, Tyrian Princess, Baritone. 4.15 Gilded Youth. 4.45 Blazing High. 5.15 Courtwood

FOOTBALL: FOUR SCOTTISH TEAMS THROUGH TO EUROPEAN SECOND ROUND

Scottish clubs need to improve to advance

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The Scots do not require much of an excuse to celebrate and Wednesday night seemed, superficially at least, to offer more than enough reason to hold a national party. Four of their clubs reached the second round of the European competitions, and await the draws which will be made today.

But behind the scorelines lay a more sober tale. Take Aberdeen in the UEFA Cup, for example. They dismissed **Bohemians**, of Dublin, a set of Irish part-timers, merely by a lone goal and even that was a penalty. No wonder Ian Porterfield, their manager, admitted that: "To put it mildly, we were extremely disappointing."

St Mirren were equally uninspired in the Cup Winners' Cup. Held by Tromso, a Norwegian group of semi-professionals, they advanced similarly by the narrowest of margins. In the UEFA Cup Dundee United did at least progress more comfortably, by 4-1 on aggregate, but Jim McLean stated later that "If I'm honest, I would have to say that **Coleraine** deserved all the credit from this game."

The victory of **Rangers** over Dynamo Kiev in the European Cup was not so hollow, but the drum beaten by Graeme Souness sounded empty. His claim that the Soviets were "one of the best teams in Europe" bore little relation to their performance over the three hours. They were, after all, without their most influential individual, Zavarov, the domestic footballer of the year.

Demianenko, another talented and experienced international, missed the second leg through injury and Belanov, the European footballer of the year, was absent from the first. McGregor, with an outrageously appalling challenge that merited instant dismissal, made sure that he took little part in the return either.

Physically damaged, Kiev are also mentally tired. Most of the side form the national squad and were involved in an international against Greece last week and will shortly be competing in a crucial European championship qualifying tie against East Germany. In their own league, they lie no higher than eighth.

Rangers, who beat them 2-1 overall, were competent and, for a side so relatively young and inexperienced, that in itself was admirable. But to pretend that they have been transformed into potential conquerors of Europe is absurd. Souness, nevertheless, will be "disappointed if we don't reached the final."

Rangers can lean heavily on the intimidating noise of their own supporters (Butcher described it as the loudest he has heard in an enclosed arena). But they will need to change more than the width of their playing area — decreased by 10 yards — if they realistically expect to fulfil dreams by an ambitious player-manager.

Should they be drawn against either Bayern Munich, Bordeaux, Porto or Rapid Vienna, for example, they will require even more assistance from the opposing goalkeeper than was handed to them by Chanov on Wednesday. In throwing away the advantage held by Kiev, he revived memories of the ridiculous antics once perpetrated by Sprake, of Leeds United.

The most glamorous tie would undoubtedly be against Real Madrid, who removed Napoli and Maradona from the tournament. The Spaniards, recapturing their former glory, are so ruthlessly dominant in their own land that they have yet to drop a point there and have so far beaten their opponents by an astonishing collective total of 23-1.

If the gods had their way, they would arrange a competitive meeting between Real and the other giants that are overshadowing their domestic rivals, Liverpool. The prospect, sadly, lies far beyond the horizon since Liverpool have been ordered to serve a further three years' suspension once UEFA have lifted their European ban on English clubs.

When asked about the hypothetical heavenly fixture, Kenny Dalglish, responded with typical earthiness. "It would have to be Everton anyway," he said. "As the champions, they have earned the right to represent the country." The Scots, and Rangers in particular, would do well to keep their feet as firmly anchored to the ground as their long-time favourite.

Rush's stage

Ian Rush scored on his return to European football with Juventus, 26 months after his last appearance for Liverpool in the European Cup final which followed the Heysel stadium tragedy, but Gary Lineker again failed to find his scoring touch for Barcelona.

But both Football League exiles will be in today's UEFA Cup second round draw as Rush completed the 7-0 thrashing of Valetta, of Malta. "It's great to be back in European football and score," said Rush, who opened his scoring account for the Turin side at the weekend.

However Barcelona are still seeking their first win under Terry Venables's successor, Luis Aragones. Beaten by Howard Kendall's Bilbao at the weekend, they lost 1-0 to Belenenses, of Portugal, but scrape through because of the 2-0 victory achieved under Venables in the first leg.

Williams already in demand

Non-League football
by Paul Newman

John Williams, the manager replaced by Tommy Docherty at Altrincham this week, will not be out of football for long. "I'm going to take a month off, go on holiday with the wife and then look at what's available," he said yesterday. "I've already had three job offers, including two to manage Northern Premier League clubs, but for the moment I just want to watch a few matches."

Williams, who is out of work in football for the first time in 31 years, has one of the most outstanding managerial records in the non-League game. The greatest successes in his 16 years in management came at Runcorn, where he led the club to almost every available honour, including the Northern Premier and Alliance Premier League championships.

He left for Altrincham last summer, only days after they had beaten his team at Wembley in the final of the FA Trophy. A largely reshaped Altrincham side began promisingly last season, but after a disappointing second half of the campaign finished fifth in the GM Vauxhall Conference. Williams was dismissed after only two wins in 10 games this season had left Altrincham eighteenth in the table.

"We had had a good pre-season and I was reasonably happy with things, except for the large number of injuries," he said yesterday. "People always think that's just an excuse, but it was difficult coping without quality players like John Timmons, Eddie Bishop, Martin Hanchard and John Imrie.

"It's at this stage of the season that you should be evaluating the team and deciding whether it needs strengthening. I had decided that we needed a couple of new players and I was just about to see to that.

"It takes time to get together a championship side. Big changes were needed at the club and I had turned over 12 players. I feel I haven't been allowed to finish the job. I'm seeing the chairman tonight to discuss the money I'm owed for the remainder of my contract, but he also owes me a lot of professional pride."

Gerry Berman, the chairman, said yesterday that he believed Williams had had "plenty of time" to make his mark and that he had made too many changes to the playing staff.

"You can't afford to lose players like Densmore, Anderson and Lee without getting replacements of the highest quality," he said. "We had always fully supported John and had never turned him down financially, but we couldn't go on as we were. We had won only seven of our last 37 games and our performance at Bath last Saturday was one of the worst ever by an Altrincham side. We've acted now because we believe we can still win the league this season."

A crowd of 2,328 gave Docherty a standing ovation before Tuesday's 2-0 victory at home to Runcorn. Jeff Johnson, a senior player, selected the team for that match, but Docherty takes full charge for tomorrow's game away to Fisher Athletic. Altrincham intend eventually to appoint an assistant manager with wide experience in the non-League game.

Merthyr live the impossible dream

By Simon Barnes

Footballers are not great romantics. At any rate they love to pretend they are not.

So it was natural that, after one of the most splendid and romantic fortnights in the history of non-League football, the Merthyr Tydfil players wanted to stress the paramount importance of the Beazer Homes League. The European Cup Winners' Cup, well, what did that matter compared to the chances of winning promotion from the midland division?

But all spectators and all players know in their hearts that football is about glory, and in the past fortnight the Merthyr players have won themselves enough glory to last for a lifetime. They beat the Italian second division side Atalanta 2-1 in Merthyr, and made a terrific fist of the away leg, going down 2-0 on Wednesday night with the Atalanta supporters begging for the whistle, to tumble out of the tie 3-2 on aggregate.

Of course, the first reaction was bewildered disappointment. "I don't even feel like a drink," said one of the players, although he was speaking rhetorically. They had all genuinely believed that they might manage the impossible upset.

It all went wrong in just three minutes of football. A quarter of an hour into the match, Merthyr conceded a goal which they claimed, with varying degrees of vehemence, was offside, but, so far as one could tell, it seemed the goalscorer was played onside by the Merthyr full back.

The second goal was worth a second look, though. It was a header that bounced in off the underside of the bar and out again, rather like the famous one in the 1966 World Cup final. From the television replay it looked questionable at least: but the night's equivalent of the Russian linesman had given it, so that was that.

After that, for 10 minutes or so, it seemed that it was all going to get rather embarrassing. The Italians seemed on the verge of banging in a hatful.

Bob Latchford — yes, the famous *one* — now 36, missed both matches against Atalanta with an injury. "They did so well to recover," he said. "In the second half there were moments when I thought they might just force extra time.

"It was a *bit* frustrating just watching, of course — but if the injury flared up again, I'd be out for four weeks or more. It was best not to play. After all, the League is all-important."

One of the delightful things about the Merthyr fortnight has been the total lack of nonsense. Lyn Jones, the manager, did not blagard the referee or bombard everyone with excuses. He was sensible and realistic. "We never *quite* coped with their speed and the way they switched their players around at the front," he said. "It is disappointing, but that's football — and there is a game on Saturday." Ah yes, back to the Beazer Homes League, and a match against Rushden Town.

The chairman believes that Merthyr can win promotion to the Football League "within five years". Don't they all? I don't know what it is about non-League football that every non-League club wants to get out of it. Non-League football is great, mostly the football is pretty good, and the crowds pretty pleasant. "In non-League football, we don't spend all our lives terrified of losing our jobs," Jones said.

Merthyr are a pretty good side, and have had a marvellous fortnight. But the Football League? All non-Leaguers ache for the day when they can call themselves a Football League club. Wild and impossible dreams are the daily fare of non-League football. But if Merthyr can forget the Beazer Homes for a moment, they can reflect that they, for a fortnight, have actually lived one of these impossible dreams.

Sheridan's skills a problem

By Martin Searby

Leeds United, who have the worst scoring record in the Football League, are not going to find things easier in the weeks ahead. So says Mick Mills, the Stoke City manager, whose side became the seventh to leave the promotion favourites scoreless this season.

Mills, who won 42 England caps in a distinguished playing career, believes the reason is to be found in the respect accorded John Sheridan, the midfield player, who received an acceptable 23rd birthday present yesterday with his selection in the Republic of Ireland squad for the European championship match with Bulgaria in Dublin on October 14.

"I believe that he now has enough standing in the second division to deserve man-to-man marking. We set Parkin to do that, and I told my player I didn't care if he didn't do anything else all night as long as I didn't see Sheridan. He looked dangerous only in the first few minutes, and that was because Carl Saunders, who has had a long lay-off with a hamstring injury, took time to settle. A lot more sides are going to do the same."

Given room, Sheridan is one of the brightest talents in the game and can destroy defences with his telling passes, but shut down he has yet to learn how to make his own space.

Billy Bremner, the Leeds manager, is aware of the problems, but insists players have to work out matters for themselves on the field.

Sheridan has already done enough to greatly interest George Graham, the Arsenal manager, but so effective and frustrating was the Stoke plan on Wednesday night that the watching Graham left as soon as the Irishman had his name taken.

Fry's award

Barry Fry, the manager of Barnet, has been named as the GM Vauxhall Conference's manager of the month for September. Seven wins from eight matches earned him the award.

Penarol qualify

Penarol, the Uruguayan football champions, qualified for the final of the South American Libertadores Cup when they beat Independiente, of Argentina, 4-2 in their semi-final on Wednesday night.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP: First round, second leg: Linfield 2, Lillestroem 4 (agg: 3-5); Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 0, Shamrock Rovers 0 (agg: 1-0); Rangers 2, Dynamo Kiev (USSR) 0 (agg: 2-1); Anderlecht (Bel) 1, Malmo (Swe) 1 (agg: 2-1); Dynamo Berlin (EG) 0, Bordeaux (Fr) 2 (agg: 0-4); Galatasaray (Tur) 2, PSV Eindhoven (Neth) 0 (agg: 2-3); Gornik Zabrze (Pol) 2, Olympiakos Pireaus (Gr) 1 (agg: 3-2); Hamrun Spartans (Malta) 0, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1 (agg: 0-7); Jeunesse Esch (Lux) 1, Aarhus (Den) 0 (agg: 2-4); Kuusysi Lahti (Fin) 2, Neuchatel Xamax (Switz) 1 (agg: 2-6); MTK Budapest (Hun) 2, Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 0 (agg: 2-4); Napoli 1, Real Madrid 1 (agg: 1-3); Sparta Prague (Cz) 8, Fram Reykjavik (Ice) 0 (agg: 10-0); Sredetz Sofia (Bul) 0, Bayern Munich (WG) 1 (agg: 0-5); Vardar Skopje (Yug) 0, Porto (Por) 3 (agg: 0-6).

Note: Benfica (Por) also qualify for second round, Partizan Tirana (Albania) having been disqualified after losing first leg 4-0 in Albania

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, second leg: Atalanta (It) 2, Merthyr Tydfil 0 (agg: 3-2); Dundalk 0, Ajax (Neth) 2 (agg: 0-6); Tromso (Nor) 0, St Mirren 0 (agg: 0-1); Den Haag (Neth) 3, Ujpest Dosza (Hun) 1 (agg: 3-2); Dynamo Bucharest (Rom) 0, Mechelen (Bel) 2 (agg: 0-3); Genclerbirligi (Tur) 1, Dynamo Minsk (USSR) 2 (agg: 1-4); Hajduk Split (Yug) 1, Aalborg (Den) 0 (aet: score after 90 min 1-0, agg 1-1: Hajduk won 5-2 on penalties); Kalmar (Swe) 1, Akranes (Ice) 0 (agg: 1-0); Marseille (Fr) 1, Lokomotiv Leipzig (EG) 0 (agg: 1-0); OFI Crete (Gr) 3, Vitosha Sofia (Bul) 1 (agg: 3-2); Slask Wroclaw (Pol) 0, Real Sociedad (Sp) 2 (agg: 0-2); SV Hamburg (WG) 3, Avenir Beggen (Lux) 0 (agg: 8-0); Swarowski Tirol (Austria) 4, Sporting Lisbon (Por) 2 (agg: 4-6); Young Boys Berne (Switz) 3, Dunjaska Streda (Cz) 1 (agg: 4-3)

UEFA CUP: First round, second leg: Aberdeen 1, Bohemians 0 (agg: 1-0); Dundee United 3, Coleraine 1 (agg: 4-1); AC Milan (It) 3, Sporting Gijon 0 (at Lecce: agg 3-1); Admira Wacker (Austria) 0, Turun (Fin) 2 (agg: 1-2); AIK Stockholm (Swe) 2, Vitkowice (Cz) 0 (agg: 1-3); Auxerre (Fr) 3, Panathinakos (Gr) 2 (agg: 3-4); Belenenses (Por) 1, Barcelona (Sp) 0 (agg: 1-2); Bruges (Bel) 5, Zenit Leningrad (USSR) 0 (agg: 5-2); Chaves (Por) 2, Universitatea Craiova (Rom) 1 (aet: score after 90 min 2-1: agg 4-4; Chaves win on away goals); Dynamo Dresden (EG) 1, Spartak Moscow (USSR) 0 (agg: 1-3); Dynamo Moscow (USSR) 1, Grasshoppers Zurich (Switz) 0 (agg: 5-0); Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR) 3, Lokomotiv Sofia (Bul) 0 (agg: 4-3); Español (Sp) 4, Borussia Monchengladbach (WG) 1 (agg: 5-1); Goteborg (Swe) 0, Broendbyernes (Den) 0 (agg: 1-2); Internazionale (It) 3, Besiktas (Tur) 1 (agg: 3-1); Juventus (It) 3, Valletta (Malta) 0 (agg: 7-0); Panionios Athens (Gr) 0, Toulouse (Fr) 1 (agg: 1-6); Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 2, Flamurtari Vlora (Albania) 1 (agg: 2-3); Sion (Switz) 3, Velez Mostar (Yug) 0 (agg: 3-5); Trakia Plovdiv (Bul) 2, Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 2 (agg: 2-5); Utrecht (Neth) 2, Linz (Austria) 0 (agg: 2-0); Valur Reykjavik (Ice) 1, Wismut Aue (EG) 1 (aet: score after 90 min 1-1: agg: 1-1: Wismut win on away goals); Verona (It) 3, Pogon Szczecin (Pol) 1 (agg: 4-2); Vitoria Guimaraes (Por) 1, Tatabanya (Hun) 0 (agg: 2-1); Werder Bremen (WG) 0, Mjondalen (Nor) 1 (agg: 5-1).

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Aston Villa 1, Blackburn 1; Leeds 0, Stoke 0; Leicester City 1, Ipswich 1; West Bromwich Albion 3, Birmingham 1

FOURTH DIVISION: Hartlepool 3, Exeter 1; Hereford 0, Peterborough 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Lincoln 0, Kettering 1; Maidstone 3, Enfield 2; Weymouth 4, Welling 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton 2, Sunderland 0. Second division: Barnsley 4, West Bromwich Albion 1; Middlesbrough 2, Bolton 1.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Bristol Rovers 1; Swindon 4, Tottenham Hotspur 6.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round replays: Billingham Synthonia 4, Chester-le-Street 3; Harrogate 2, Clitheroe 1; Kingsbury 2, Harlow 2 (aet); Pagham 3, Tooting and Mitcham 4; Tonbridge 3, Eastbourne United 1; Yeovil 3, Waterlooville 2.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Chesham 2, Basildon 0; Walthamstow Avenue 1, Hampton 3. Second division north: Royston 1, Ware 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gateshead 1, Morecambe 1; Worksop 2, Frickley 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Cambridge City 4, Baldock 1; Leicester United 2, Atherstone 1; Mile Oak 2, Willenhall 2; Paget 3, Sutton Coldfield 3; Poole 3, Andover 0; Shepshed Charterhouse 3, Burton 1, VS Rugby 2, Corby 1.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Crook 2, South Bank 3; Gretna 2, Consett 2; Guisborough 3, North Shields 0, Ryhope 1, Whitby 1; Sheldon 2, Ferryhill 1, Spennymoor 0, Tow Law 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Chigwell 1, Brentwood 0; Harveys GS 2, W Parker 2, King Edwards, Wigley 2, Godalming 0; Lancing 9, Winchester 2.

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SKIING

Letting fly: Wallace takes off at the National Exhibition Centre (Photograph: Bob Collier)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Games go on with great unknowns

By Robert Kirley

"You won't know the players without a programme!" Generations of vendors have used that exhortation to stir up sales at National Football League games, but with the players' names emblazoned on their jerseys, the hoarse admonition has always been more of a marketing ploy than a statement of fact.

This weekend, however, and perhaps for several weeks to come, supporters will be hard-pressed to identify the players — even if they *do* buy the programme.

The National Football League Players Association (NFLPA) has been on strike since September 22, but the owners will forge ahead with the schedule on Sunday. Elway, Marino, Dickerson and most of the other members of the megabuck fraternity have been replaced by has-beens and unknowns.

It is unlikely that the public will swoon over players named Ache, Worsham, Rodenhauser, Grom, Blankenship, Ippolito and Arapostathis. These newcomers may or may not score the kind of touchdowns we love to savour in slow-motion action replay, but this is certain: they will be participating in games that count towards the play-offs and the Super Bowl.

It is difficult to assess the strength of the makeshift teams, but the San Francisco 49ers, Los Angeles Raiders and Green Bay Packers appear to have done well in acquiring satisfactory players. Teams that lagged in signing non-union players are the Chicago Bears, New York Giants, Los Angeles Rams and Miami Dolphins.

The replacements, who have been practising for the past week, will not be atrocious; most were good enough to take part in the clubs' pre-season training camps. Some league regulars will cross picket lines to play. It would seem that people who earn an average of $230,000 (£141,000) a year do not enjoy missing a week's pay packet.

"This fight is over control of football, it's not over money," the owner of the Miami Dolphins, Joe Robbie, said. Of course, it is about ethics, too. Can the owners legitimately palm off their hastily formed second-rate teams as the real thing? The supporters — and the television advertisers — will have the final word, which is not likely to be favourable if this arrangement persists for much more than a couple of weeks.

The strikers might have their say, too. Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the NFLPA, said: "We don't advocate violence, but we do advocate doing whatever's necessary to stop these games."

FIXTURES: Sunday: Atlanta v Pittsburgh; Buffalo v Indianapolis; Cincinnati v San Diego; Denver v Houston; Detroit v Tampa Bay; Los Angeles Raiders v Kansas City; Minnesota v Green Bay; New England v Cleveland; New Orleans v Los Angeles Rams; New York Jets v Dallas; Philadelphia v Chicago; Seattle v Miami; Washington v St Louis. Monday: New York Giants v San Francisco.

Aerialists take to the slopes

By Dennis Shaw

Alpine winter sports arrive in Britain today to the somewhat unlikely backdrop of the flatlands of the heart of England.

The first British aerial freestyle championship is being staged during the weekend as part of the first annual British ski show at the National Exhibition Centre near Birmingham.

Maria Quintina of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, the women's world champion, will take part. Her appearance along with that of special guests, including the legendary Franz Klammer and Konrad Bartelski, the British champion, has given credibility to the event.

Other leading competitors in the championship include Jilly Curry, of Dunsfold, Surrey, who was placed fourth in the world last year and Robin Wallace, of Hampshire.

Wallace was sixth in the world last year. The skiers, who are expected to be watched by up to 50,000 people during the weekend, speed down a ramp "dry run" and perform acrobatic twists and somersaults in the air before landing in the scenic lake adjacent to the exhibition halls.

Links between traditional ski centres and Birmingham may appear tenuous yet a permanent dry slope has opened in the city's inner ring and the unemployed are being encouraged to take up what they would have regarded as a rich man's sport.

SQUASH RACKETS

Favourites carry a heavy burden

By Colin McQuillan

Adrian Davies, of Wales, and Jason Nicolle, of England, are top seeds in the Blue Stratos British under-23 closed championship, starting today at Lambs Club, London, but the queue of juniors eager to pick up the mantle worn for the past four years by Jamie Hickox suggests that favouritism may be a hard load to carry this weekend.

Davies is a mercurial player capable of testing the best in the world on his day and said to be emerging in his own right after some years in the shadow of the former national champion, Geoff Williams, at their mutual Manchester Northern base.

Nicolle has emerged from the Nottingham club environment that bred a whole generation of British stars in past years. He shares a flat in Nottingham with the national women's champion, Lisa Opie, and only recently on the Asian circuit was playing well enough to claim the scalp of the British No. 1, Philip Kenyon.

Immediately behind the two favourites, however, lurks Del Harris, the British under-19 champion, who deliberately withdrew from the Asian tour with the Reebok Young England squad in order to concentrate on domestic targets, of which this under-23 title is the first. On Tuesday in the National League Harris comprehensively defeated the world No. 12, Ricki Hill, of Australia.

The lower seeds at Lambs Club this weekend include Paul Gregory and John Ransome, rapidly developing as two of the more relentless young professionals on the international circuit, and Nigel Stiles, who roundly defeated Geoff Williams, ranked second in England, in their National League match on Tuesday.

Even deeper in the 32-man field there are no easy options. Chris Walker and Damian Walker were picking up victories over senior professionals during the Reebok tour.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

KUALA LUMPUR: World Cup: Men: Singles: First round: Doubles: L S King and E Hartono (Indo) bt J-P Nierhoff and M Kjeldsen (Den), 16-18, 15-3, 18-14; P J Bong and K M Soo (S Korea) bt J Paulsen and S Fladberg (Den), 15-5, 15-18, 15-8; R and J Sidek (Malaysia) bt S Chansecrasmee and S Thongsan (Thai), 15-8, 15-4. A Kusuma (Indon) bt Sung Bae Park (S Korea), 15-6, 15-2. X Guobao (China) bt P-E Heyer-Larsen (Den), 15-3, 15-11; S Baddeley (GB) bt F K Keong (Mal), 18-16, 15-11; Zhao Jianghua (China) bt D Hall (GB), 15-3, 9-15, 15-9. Women: Singles: Hye Young Hwang (S Kor) bt S Susanti (Indo), 11-5, 11-2; E Latief (Indo) bt K Jinnai (Japan), 11-7, 11-0; Han Aiping (China) bt E Coene (Neth), 11-3, 11-4; S Susanti (Indon) bt Zheng Yuli (China), 8-11, 11-9, 11-7. Doubles: Group A: V Fajrin and R Tendean (Indo) bt M Bengtsson and C Magnusson (Swe), 15-7, 15-4. Group B: H Y Hwang and M H Chung (S Korea) bt G Gowers and G Clark (GB), 18-17, 15-12. Mixed doubles: S Fladberg (Den) and G Clark (GB) bt J-E Antonsson and C Magnusson (Swe), 15-3, 15-6. J Paulsen (Den) and G Gowers (GB) bt S Karlsson and M Bengtsson (Swe), 15-10, 15-7

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICA: Libertadores Cup: Semi-final: Penarol (Uruguay) 4, Independiente of Argentina 2

RUGBY LEAGUE

YORKSHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Bradford 18, Leeds 5. Featherstone 8, Castleford 36.
LANCASHIRE CUP: Semi-finals: Warrington 44, Swinton 6. Widnes 12, Wigan 20.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Coventry 15, Nottingham 20. Second division: Bedford 6, London Welsh 6.

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys 9, Ebbw Vale 18. South Wales Police 14, Pontypridd 32; Bath 32, London Irish 15, Pontypool 25, Swansea 21, Bristol 33. Met Police 12; Nuneaton 3, Moseley 36.

KOBE, Japan: Tour match: Japanese Universities 9, Irish Universities 29.

WINDHOEK, Namibia: Tour match: Combined Namibian and South Africa XV 7, South Pacific Barbarians 28

SQUASH RACKETS

KARACHI: Pakistan Open: First round: (Pakistan unless stated): Jehangir Khan bt Jonas Gomerup (Swe), 9-0, 9-1, 9-1; P Hill (Sing) bt G Brumby (Aus), 9-7, 9-6, 2-9, 9-5; C Dittmar (Aus) bt F Johnson (Swe), 9-4, 9-4, 10-9; Qamar Zaman bt Ehsanullah, 9-1, 9-0, 9-6; P Whitlock (GB) bt K Smith (Aus), 9-6, 9-4, 9-1; R Thorne (Aus) bt Shamshad Khan, 9-5, 9-5, 9-1; P Kenyon (GB) bt A Rashid, 9-1, 9-1, 9-3; Jansher Khan bt M Robberds (Aus), 9-5, 9-1, 9-1; Mir Zaman Gul bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 9-4, 5-9, 6-9, 9-4, 9-0; Farhan Samiullah bt S Hailstone (GB), 10-9, 4-9, 9-2, 5-9, 10-8; J Hickox (GB) bt D Meddings (GB), 9-4, 9-4, 9-3; M Bodmeade (GB) bt Sabir Butt (Can), 9-6, 9-5, 9-7, B Martin (Aus) bt Maqsood Hanif, 10-8, 9-6, 9-3; Zarak Jahan Khan bt Tayyab Habib, 9-4, 9-5, 9-7. Second round: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt P Hill (Sing), 9-3, 9-0, 10-9; B Martin (Aus) bt F Samiullah (Pak), 9-7, 9-7, 3-9, 9-7; C Dittmar (Aus) bt M Ahmed (Pak), 9-2, 9-1, 9-6; R Thorne (Aus) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 9-1, 9-5, 9-4

AUCKLAND: Women's world championship: Third round: S Devoy (NZ) bt S Brown (GB), 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; J Williams (NZ) bt B Muller (WG), 9-0, 9-3, 9-1. A Cummings (GB) bt G Pimm (Can), 9-3, 9-1, 9-1; F Geaves (GB) bt M Byrne (Ire), 3-9, 9-0, 9-7, 9-2; L Soutter (GB) bt S Stevenson (GB), 9-0, 9-0, 9-1. R Best (Ire) bt S Burgess (GB), 3-9, 9-4, 9-3, 9-6; L Irving (Aus) bt A McConnell (US), 9-10, 9-5, 9-4, 9-2; S Fitzgerald (Aus) bt D Gurran (NZ), 8-10, 9-5, 9-2, 9-1. A Smith (GB) bt B Hoogendoorn (Neth), 9-5, 10-9, 10-8; M Le Moignan (GB) bt M Burke (Ire), 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; H Wallace (Can) bt M Warren (GB), 9-3, 9-1, 9-4; V Cardwell (Aus) bt A Abyholma (Nor), 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; D Drady (Aus) bt C Te Kani (NZ), 9-7, 9-0, 9-3; R Friday (Aus) bt S Bradley (Aus), 9-3, 9-4, 9-4; M Martin (Aus) bt S Nyberg (Swe), 10-8, 9-0, 9-0; L Opie (GB) bt M Pearson (NZ), 9-0, 9-0, 9-2.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Boston Red Sox 7, New York Yankees 0; Baltimore Orioles 7, Detroit Tigers 3; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Chicago White Sox 5, California Angels 2; Kansas City Royals 7, Seattle Mariners 3; Texas Rangers 2, Minnesota Twins 1; Oakland Athletics 4, Cleveland Indians 3. National League: Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Chicago Cubs 3, and 10-8; Philadelphia Phillies 4, New York Mets 3; Atlanta Braves 3, Houston Astros 1; Montreal Expos 6, St Louis Cardinals 1; San Francisco Giants 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; Cincinnati Reds 3, San Diego Padres 1

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Portsmouth 97, Zbrojovka Brno (Cz) 95; Zbrojovka Brno win 189-173 on agg.

RONCHETTI CUP: Visby (Swe) 91, London YMCA (GB) 62; Visby win 176-126 on agg. SG Munich (WG) 66, UBC Wels (Austria) 66. SG Munich win 142-132 on agg; Ment Salonika (Gr) 88, Pully (Switz) 80; Ment Salonika won 168-150 on agg. Elemes Sibenik (Yugo) 71, Panathinaikos Athens 43; Elemes Sibenik won 172-95 on agg.

KORAC CUP: First round, second leg: Spartak Pleven (Bul) 83, Iraklis Salonika (Gr) 80: Iraklis win 181-148 on agg. Jugoplastika Split (Yug) 103, Honved Budapest (Hun) 64. Jugoplastika win 205-142 on agg. Ostrava (Cz) 125, Mattersburg (Austria) 75: Ostrava win 225-163 on agg. Bamberg (WG) 97, Kotkan (Fin), 72: Kotkan win 181-176 on agg. Oudelange (Lux) 89, Divarese (It) 114. Divarese win 229-150 on agg. Elitzur Netanya (Isr) 102, Sibenka (Yugo) 87. Elitzur won 193-183 on agg. Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 121, Achilleas Nicosia 41. Maccabi won 217-90 on agg. Charlottenburg (WG) 114, Vevey (Switz) 99; Charlottenburg won 218-159 on agg. Lausanne (Switz) 91, Olympique Antibes (Fr) 75; Olympique Antibes won 178-168 on agg. Panathinaikos Athens 69, Hapoel Haifa (Isr) 62: Hapoel Haifa won 139-138 on agg. Panionios Athens 76, Manchester United 68; Manchester United won 145-142 on agg. Monaco 116, Giessen (WG), 94; Monaco won 217-181 on agg. Maccabi Brussels (Belg) 98, Racing Paris 88, Racing won 191-188 on agg.

SHOOTING

SEOUL: World Cup: Men: Small-bore rifle three positions: Final: 1, P Kurka (Cz) 1,283.4; 2, V Vlasov (USSR), 1,273.5; 3, W Wright (US), 1,272.8.

VOLLEYBALL

BRUSSELS: European championships: First round: Men: Pool A: Yugoslavia 3, Italy 2; Romania 3, Netherlands 2; Soviet Union 3, France 1. Soviet Union and France qualify for semi-finals. Pool B: Sweden 3, Greece 1; Bulgaria 3, Spain 1; Czechoslovakia 3, Belgium 2. Sweden and Greece qualify for semi-finals. Women: Pool A: Italy 3, Czechoslovakia 0; West Germany 3, Poland 0; Soviet Union 3, Netherlands 1. Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia qualify for semi-finals. Pool B: Romania 3, Hungary 1; East Germany 3, Belgium 0; Bulgaria 3 France 0.

TENNIS

PALERMO: Grand Prix tournament: First round: M Jaite (Arg) bt C Pistolesi (It), 7-5, 6-2; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt J-C Baguena (Sp), 6-3, 6-1. Second round: L Duncan (US) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-2, 6-3; C Miniussi (Arg) bt A Mancini (Arg), 7-5, 6-2.

SAN FRANCISCO: Men's grand prix tournament: Second round (US unless stated): J Pugh bt W Hunt, 6-2, 6-2; T Nelson bt M Anger, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; S Giammalva bt J Berger, 7-6, 6-3; P Lundgren (Swe) bt D Pate, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3. E Teltscher bt J Yzaga (Peru), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; I Lendl (Cz) bt M Purcell, 6-2, 6-3.

NEW ORLEANS: Virginia Slims tournament: Singles: First Round (US unless stated): C Evert bt A Minter (Aus), 6-0, 6-1. Second round: K Gompert bt S Mascarin, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; A Smith bt M L Piatek, 6-3, 7-5; W Turnbull (Aus) bt K Keil, 7-6, 6-2; M Werdel bt G Magers 6-3, 6-2; R White bt P Fendick, 7-5, 6-3.

BOXING

SOLIHULL: Middleweight (8 rounds): Johnny Elliot (Telford) bt Doug Calderwood (Sheffield), pts. Welterweight (8 rounds): Del Bryan (Nottingham) bt Peter Ashcroft (Liverpool), pts. Featherweight (10 rounds): Peter Harris (Swansea) bt John Farrell (Liverpool), pts.

Davis plays Wych

Tony Drago, the young Maltese snooker player, faces Jimmy White in the opening match of the Rothmans Grand Prix at The Hexagon, Reading on October 17. Drago collected the highest-break prize of £1,500 at the qualifying event, at Bristol, when he made a break of 112 in just four minutes. Steve Davis meets Jim Wych, of Canada, in the closing fourth-round match on October 20.

CRICKET

Promise of peace for year of Warr

By Ivo Tennant

John Warr yesterday began his term as president of Marylebone Cricket Club — lunching at the Savoy with Colin Cowdrey, the outgoing president — with two specific aims for his year in office. The first, inevitably, is that there be no repeat of the traumas which marred the bicentenary year. The other, that MCC assist with the Government's schemes to revitalize Britain's inner cities.

As a former England cricketer who learned the game at a grammar school, Warr is appalled at what he calls state education's "opting out of cricket" and "barmy educationalists decrying competitive sports".

In spite of more than £40,000 being spent on MCC's special meeting at Westminster, funds remain from the bicentenary. Warr's wish is that they will be used for the benefit of the under-privileged.

"Part of the function of MCC is to do what it can to put cricket straight. With backing from the sports minister we can arouse interest among young people and create jobs, even if the form of cricket is indoor or with a soft ball," he said.

Overall, though, Warr sees his year as being one of consolidation rather than innovation. "We must settle down after the events of the past year. Our relations with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) are marvellous now. It was an unfortunate time for MCC members to take on their committee, but then our problems with the TCCB should have been sorted out five years before.

"That, though, would have meant sacking MCC's secretary, then. No one wanted to do so and it was mulled over for months before it happened. MCC and the TCCB are now pulling together to make as much money as we can that can be ploughed back into cricket.

"Running MCC is not what it was 20 years ago — it has become a very competitive business enterprise. The idea of it being full of fuddy-duddy old colonels is complete nonsense. It was sad for me to see members having no confidence in all the individuals who give their utmost on sub-committees, for nothing."

Although Warr feels it is hard to keep the 18,000 MCC members informed of what is happening in their club, the intention is to send them a newsletter twice yearly. They will be told, no doubt, that the waiting-list for joining is now between 20 and 30 years and that subscriptions will have to be raised in due course.

Relations between committee and members are too sensitive for that to happen at present. The suggestion that members pay to watch Test matches at Lord's has not been well received. Warr says there is no chance of this happening or of the grounds being leased to the TCCB for international matches, yet feels that if members want the grounds to be properly maintained and membership reduced to 15,000, then the subscription will have to be increased. It stands at £70.

As president of the MCC, which is responsible for the laws of the game, Warr will chair the annual meeting of the International Cricket Conference (ICC). "Something must be done about bouncers, but it will take two or three years for restrictions to be implemented. We must make it easier for umpires to administer the laws.

"As to the other contentious issue, South Africa, I will be prepared as the chairman of ICC to see the South African delegation that comes over each year, but I cannot foresee MCC touring the Republic. Call us cowardly if you like over not selecting Pollock for the bicentenary match and of applying double standards over choosing Rice, but the last thing we want to do is disrupt Test cricket and consequently the game's finances."

Finance will be very much the key to Warr's year in office. He has long served MCC, having first sat on a sub-committee when still playing for Middlesex. Now 60 and recently retired from banking in the City, his is a financial brain for cricket's financial age.

Warr: in his playing days

Kelly resigns

Ken Kelly, a committee member of Warwickshire County Cricket Club since 1975, has resigned — partly because of ill-health and partly in protest at the way the club is being run. Kelly, who said he will back a 'rebel' group to bring change to the county, wants a special general meeting held at the end of the month to discuss measures to halt Warwickshire's decline in form.

A committee meeting today will discuss the developments. Tony Steven, the club chairman, has already offered to resign to pacify objecting members.

Kelly, a sports photographer who has been associated with Warwickshire for the last 40 years, said he has made his decision because of his concern for the members.

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TENNIS

Two with a sense of place are likely to fill the vacancies

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Julie Salmon and Clare Wood, who have the sense to live in Sussex, are likely to fill the two vacant places in Britain's Wightman Cup team. Jo Durie, Anne Hobbs and Sara Gomer have already been chosen to play against the United States in Virginia from October 29 to 31. Annabel Croft, out of form, is not being considered.

Miss Salmon, aged 22, and Miss Wood, aged 19, have competently justified their seedings by reaching the last eight of the singles in the British national championships at Telford. Miss Salmon's next opponent will be Miss Gomer, her doubles partner at Telford. They could also be the second doubles pair — Miss Durie and Miss Hobbs will be the first — against the US.

Two girls aged 15 have achieved a modest prominence at Telford. Virginia Humphreys-Davies, of Cambridge, who had to qualify, has beaten two of the lower seeds: Lisa Gould and Karen Hunter. Samantha Smith, of Buckhurst Hill, beat another of the lower seeds, Sally Timms, and extended Miss Hobbs to 7-6, 6-4 yesterday.

Miss Smith began well, whereas Miss Hobbs looked nervous and made a stream of unforced errors. Miss Smith led 5-2 before Miss Hobbs settled down and made the schoolgirl work harder for points. Even so, Miss Smith had a set point during a tie-break that stretched to 20 points. Miss Hobbs never took charge as decisively as the disparity in age and experience suggested she should have done.

One of the best features of these championships is the chance they give such youngsters as Miss Humphreys-Davies and Miss Smith to measure themselves against seasoned internationals. The two juniors have had a good tournament.

Yesterday's main seeding upsets occurred in the men's event. Richard Whichello had a good win over Nick Fulwood, Mark Blincow broke service once in each set to dispose of David Felgate and Nick Brown beat Mike Walker — as visually Welsh as a Tom Jones in shorts.

The holder, Stuart Bale, again won two sets after having lost the first. This time his opponent was Jonathan Southcombe, a towering 6ft 6½in, whose service seems to issue from roof level. But it still seems likely that Jeremy Bates and Andrew Castle will contest the final.

A last word for the ladies. Glynis Coles, aged 33, who was ranked No. 2 or No. 3 in Britain from 1974-1977 inclusive, has beaten two seeds — Denise Parnell and Sally Reeves — to reach the quarter-finals. All credit to Miss Coles. At the same time her advance poses a question. By now, such gallant representatives of the over-30s should have been engulfed by the rising tide of youth.

MEN'S SINGLES: Third round: S Bale bt J Southcombe 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; C Bailey bt R Drysdale 7-6, 7-6; A Castle bt L Alfred 6-3, 6-3; N Brown bt M Walker 6-4, 6-4; M Blincow bt D Felgate 6-4, 6-4.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third round: S Gomer bt T Catlin 6-0, 6-1; S Gomer bt T Catlin 6-0,6-1; G Humphreys-Davies bt K Hunter 6-2, 6-1; J Salmon bt A Simpkin 6-3, 6-4; A Hobbs bt S Smith 7-6, 6-4.

New possibilities in Davis Cup

By Richard Evans

For several weeks now, the world-wide tennis community has assumed that Sweden would be hosting this year's Davis Cup final and that Australia, having to travel north in defence of the Cup, would be the visitors.

For the international caravan that follows these things, tickets were being booked to Göteborg and warm winter woolies taken out of storage.

Now, suddenly, all plans are on hold. Pat Cash's knee injury has left Australia looking very vulnerable against Vijay Amritraj's cunning and confident Indian team, while Sweden, without the clay court expertise of the injured Kent Carlsson and Joakim Nystrom, are no longer such hot favourites to beat Spain here in Barcelona.

Nothing has gone right for Cash since his Wimbledon triumph and this latest blow may finally have deprived Neale Fraser of the luck he has always managed to harness to the nationalistic spirit which has given Australia such an incredible record, taking his teams to the semi-final or beyond in 14 of the last 15 years under his captaincy.

But the grass at Sydney's White City will suit the Indians just as well as it does Wally Masur and John Fitzgerald, the man called in to replace Cash. Amritraj, actor, diplomat and elder statesman of the pro circuit, with his long-cherished ambition of playing in a Davis Cup final in his sights, will be very dangerous both as a player and captain. The only time India ever reached the final, in 1974, the Indians were ordered to default because their opponents would have been South Africa. At least that cannot happen again.

Stefan Edberg is Sweden's worry in Barcelona. Clay is not his best surface and he has had only three days to adjust since arriving from Los Angeles.

So the Swedes may need two singles victories from Mats Wilander while Spain will be hoping that both Emilio Sanchez and Sergio Casal show better form than they did in the Barcelona Open last week.

SQUASH RACKETS

Best finds Burgess at a loss

By Colin McQuillan

England's world championship campaign in New Zealand suffered a first setback yesterday when Suzanne Burgess, fourth in the national rankings and seeded ninth for this women's world open title, lost 3-9, 9-4, 9-3, 9-6 to Rebecca Best, the second-ranked Irish player.

Honours were somewhat balanced in the third round in Auckland later in the day when Fiona Geaves overturned the Irish No. 1, Mary Byrne, the 16th seed, 3-9, 9-0, 9-7, 9-2.

These results may be good news for other English players. Miss Best plays Lucy Soutter, the fourth seed, who has probably the hardest draw in the championship and will be pleased to avoid Miss Burgess.

Today, Miss Geaves plays Alison Cumings, who will see the defeat of Miss Burgess as assisting her own campaign.

Susan Devoy, the world champion, won her second successive 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 victory — this time over Scotland's Shirley Brown — and Vicki Cardwell, of Australia, won by a similarly ruthless margin against Sweden's Annette Abyholm.

BADMINTON

Gibson breaks the English barrier

By Richard Eaton

Anne Gibson, aged 18, of Dumfries, became one of the few Scottish women to beat opponents South of the border when she upset the English national finalist, Sarah Halsall, in the international sponsored by British Rail at the Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh yesterday.

Indeed no one could remember it having happened in this fixture since the Fifties. Miss Gibson did it 5-11, 11-1, 11-6 and managed it with the help of a number of errors from Halsall which were accepted without ceremony, because she is a talent of unusual promise. Round the head, Miss Gibson was extremely strong, and once the prospect of victory beckoned, that too was something she found easy to take.

Young Miss Gibson may be, but such are the rising standards on the world grand prix circuit, that time is short if she is to become one of the few Scots to overcome economic disadvantage and make it. She is already considering giving up her job as an accounts clerk and moving to London. If she is to try, she should try now, as yesterday's results suggested.

England later took a 2-1 lead in the best of seven encounters after winning the men's doubles and seeing a slightly nervous Matthew Smith, the former European junior champion, winning 15-5, 7-15, 15-10 against Alex White, the Commonwealth semi-finalist.

Dan Travers, who helped Scotland to one of its three gold medals in the Commonwealth Games, and Kenny Middlemiss lost to Andy Goode and Miles Johnson in straight sets.

● **Kuala Lumpur** (Reuter) — Zhao Jianghua, of China, produced his full repertoire of acrobatic smashes to beat Britain's Darren Hall, 15-3, 9-15, 15-9, while Steve Baddeley managed a 18-16, 15-11, victory over Foo Kok Keong, of Malaysia, in the World Cup tournament yesterday.

Next opponent

Johnny Melfah, the Gloucester middleweight who gained a fine victory on points over Cliff Gilpin at Solihull on Wednesday night, will meet Jimmy Cable, the former British and European light-middleweight champion, over eight rounds.

JUDO

Feathers to fly for featherweights

By Nicolas Soames

If the essence of judo competition is confrontation, there will be no shortage of thrills in the British Open for women at Crystal Palace tomorrow as leading overseas and domestic competitors make their final quest for tickets to the world championship in Essen, West Germany, next month.

The entry — one of the largest for many years — is strewn with world champions past and present, led by the two most dominant figures — Ingrid Berghmans, of Belgium, the light heavyweight, and Karen Briggs, of Britain.

Also among those vying for inclusion in the demonstration event at the Olympics, will be Britain's two other world champions, Ann Hughes, the lightweight and Diane Bell in the light middleweight class.

But for sheer confrontation, it will be the fierce domestic rivalry of the featherweights, Loretta Doyle, from London, and Sharon Rendle, of Grimsby, which should make all other contests appear academic.

Miss Doyle, world champion in 1982, but struggling since fracturing her shoulder defending her title in 1984, has returned with her throwing skills and tactical sense arguably sharper. Aged 24, she may now be at her peak, and has the psychological advantage of beating Miss Rendle twice in their last two meetings.

Miss Rendle, aged 21, is the world bronze medal winner. She lacks Doyle's shrewd tactical awareness, but has wider throwing skills and perhaps the stronger ground work. If they both come through their sides of the draw to the final, the Crystal Palace crowd can look forward to a strong physical battle, and a contest between ambition and experience.

Judges' room with a gloomy view of a mediocre day at Chatsworth

Under scrutiny: Paddy Muir puts Barnabus Brown through its paces on the first day of the dressage phase yesterday (Photograph: Steve Etherington)

Resolution gives lead to Tucker

By Jenny MacArthur

With the exception of Angela Tucker, the overnight leader, and a handful of others, the first day of dressage at yesterday's Chatsworth Audi Horse Trials in Derbyshire was remarkable only for its mediocrity.

Mrs Tucker, the wife of Michael, the course designer, has a three-and-a-half point lead on the nine-year-old New Zealand-bred Resolution, a horse she bought from the event rider Sarah Humber "for a generous price" just three weeks ago. Miss Humber had wanted Resolution to stay in England and Mrs Tucker — having lost the ride on another top horse, Charleston, who was sold to Japan in August — was keen to buy.

Katie Meacham, reflecting the training she has been having from Alison Oliver, is in second place on Ten Below, a promising eight-year-old who was fifth at his first three-day event at Windsor in May.

The only other rider to finish in the fifties was Jane Holderness-Roddam whose third place on the nine-year-old mare Floral Tribute was all the more creditable since Mrs Holderness-Roddam had only arrived back from Brazil the day before, having spent a week there as lady-in-waiting to the Princess Royal.

Otherwise, it was difficult to see how the three judges, headed by the distinguished Frenchman, Francois Lucas, managed to stay awake — although Carol Rose unwittingly helped to keep the judges interested when she hit the ground as her horse Mastermind slipped over at the beginning of the extended canter.

Lucas's tactful comment on the day's proceedings was that there had been a lot of "fundamental mistakes". Several riders made no apparent attempt to get their horses on the bit. For some, there was the excuse of riding a new or inexperienced horse, although Mrs Tucker proved that was not necessarily a handicap. David Green, husband of Lucinda, did likewise. He had only sat on his horse Fitzwarren twice before and his fluent test put him into fourth place.

Green's sponsor, SR International, bought Fitzwarren last week from the South Korean rider Myung-Jin Choi, who is currently based with Alison Oliver while preparing for next year's Olympic Games.

Today, with Diana Clapham on Welton Esprit, Lucinda Green on Mins Lincoln, and Helen Ogden on Streetlighter all doing their tests, the pecking order is likely to change dramatically. Mrs Green feels that tomorrow's cross-country course is just what her eight-year-old gelding needs. The course is a minute longer than last year but Michael Tucker's alterations have made it less twisting.

Mrs Tucker, who had a fall at Chatsworth last year, does not feel it an advantage to have a husband as course designer. "We never discuss it," she said. For Mrs Holderness-Roddam, winner of Badminton in 1968 and 1978, the main problem will be remembering the route. She was eliminated at Tetbury a fortnight ago.

RESULTS: 1, Resolution (A Tucker), 52.8; 2, Ten Below (K Meacham), 56.2; 3, Floral Tribute (J Holderness-Roddam), 58.8; 4, Fitzwarren (D Green), 64; 5, The Artful Dodger (C Mason), 65.2.

GOLF

The spirit of Lady Amory lives on at Worplesdon

By Patricia Davies

Things are not what they used to be for the Worplesdon Scratch Mixed Foursomes. In more leisured times, in the 1920s and 30s, the leading amateurs — both men and women — would assemble for the end-of-season celebration in Surrey, but now life has changed and the field contains more unfamiliar names than was once the case.

While this year's competition, the sixtieth, which starts today, boasts players of the highest calibre like Jill Thornhill, Claire Hourihane and Linda Bayman, they are labouring under an impossible handicap. They are not Joyce Wethered, the golfing legend whose name is synonymous with Worplesdon.

Miss Wethered, or Lady Heathcoat-Amory, as she now is, won the foursomes eight times in all, with seven different partners, and though it is some years since she has attended, she is still the club president and it has a special place in her heart.

"I love Worplesdon and everything about it," she said. "I loved foursomes, playing with someone you liked and fitting in with them. That was the fun. You played with your friends and we enjoyed it enormously. Even after I gave up championship golf, I played in the foursomes all through the 1930s."

Lady Amory partnered her brother, Roger Wethered, in the first two Worplesdons, reaching the final in 1921 when he was hampered by a bad wrist and winning in 1922.

Then, much to her mother's annoyance, Lady Amory decided to drop her brother and change partners. "I had a lot of friends," she explained. "And I wanted to play with them and if they asked me I did."

One of people who asked was Bernard Darwin, a close friend and, as golf correspondent of *The Times*, a great promoter of the Worplesdon foursomes, an event which he adored. Lady Amory remembers partnering Darwin — who described himself as "a fussy and pernickety golfer" — as the most difficult thing she has ever done in her life.

"It was the bravest thing I ever did because he was very irascible," she recalls fondly. "He was not a good loser and really wanted to win spitefully. When you had a rather difficult approach, he had an awful habit of turning away, with his hand over his eyes, ready to say: 'Oh gosh, what a foolish duff' if you missed it. He never let you off and some people could not play with him but I was so fond of him and liked him so much, I knew it would pass. He was the same in a friendly family foursomes on holiday."

They won the 36-hole final by eight and seven, much to their mutual delight and Darwin, billed anonymously as "our golf correspondent," wrote, "nobody would ever likely bet against Miss Wethered, but, personally, I never dreamed she and her partner could win so easily, and I had grave doubts if they would win at all.

"In the morning, Miss Wethered played very, very well (she always does) but not tremendously, in the afternoon there was no standing against her. As for her partner, I find it difficult to form an opinion but I think he did his bit pretty well."

That was Darwin's only Worplesdon title and his partner's seventh. She won again in 1936 and then found herself a partner for life, husband John Heathcoat-Amory. He was foremost a cricketer but he also loved golf and he and his wife reached the final of the foursomes in 1948, the last time they played.

Thereafter gardening took up more and more of their time as they devoted themselves to the grounds of Knightshayes Court, their home in Devon.

The house and garden are now owned by the National Trust and Lady Amory, who has not touched a golf club in 20 years, but watches the game avidly on television, is now more concerned with persuading the Trust to spend more money on maintaining the gardens than with reminiscing about her golf.

"It was all so long ago" she said.

Worplesdon, though, is an exception and while most of the day's great names are to be found in the professional ranks and not amongst the amateurs, there should be enough friendly meetings and tough encounters this weekend to set beside the good old days.

Dream of success is alive again

From a Special Correspondent, Grand Bahama

Some of the nearly men of professional golf have their chance next week to savour the lifestyle and the money that eluded them in their years on the circuit.

Mark Thomas is a prime example. He turned professional in 1975, fought through the European tour qualifying school in 1976, lost his card and regained it over the next eight years, and gave up the hunt a couple of years ago with a career record that did not venture above fifth in the German Open and 64th in the order of merit in 1982. He had come to the realization that he was not going to cause Ballesteros too many sleepless nights.

So Thomas joined Cirencester as club pro, played in the local pro-ams, and teamed up with Philip Franklin, a member of his club, in the regional qualifying round of the Hennessy Cognac national pro-am championship at Long Ashton, near Bristol, in June. They scored a better-ball 63 that beat the field and earned them a place among the 16 partnerships in the grand final next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The location is luxurious: the Emerald course at the Princess Hotel on Grand Bahama Island. The money is worthwhile: a total prize fund of £30,000, with £3,000 for the pro in the winning team. Thomas's dream of success is alive again.

"For two years in a row, I was only a few places off the top 60 in the order of merit," Thomas said. "That would have given me exempt status for the following season. I was disappointed at being so close, and I suppose the disappointment got to me, and I never really got going again. To be honest, I'd love to be out on the circuit again."

He and Franklin are among the more experienced teams. Thomas, at the age of 29, is toughened by his toil on the circuit. Franklin has been a Gloucestershire county player off and on for 15 years, has a handicap of three (newly cut from four), has travelled abroad before on pro-ams, won the Burford Foursomes with Thomas in April, and has had a remarkable five holes-in-one in 30 years of playing golf. He is 47 years old and farms 1,200 acres of mainly arable land near Cirencester.

FINALISTS (professional's name first) are: Beau Desert, Staffordshire (B Stevens, M McLean); Berkhamstead (B Proudfoot, M Potton); Blackmoor, Hampshire (A Hall, G Cleveland); Cardross, Strathclyde (N Cameron, R Ewen); Childwall, Liverpool (N Parr, B Woodburn); Cirencester (M Thomas, P Franklin); Ealing (M Tibbles, C Champ); East Devon (T Underwood, D Agar); Ladybank, Fife (M Gray, G Drummond); Mere, Cheshire (P Eyre, L Bramley); Prudhoe, Northumberland (B Hall, D Stewart); Stratford-on-Avon (P Elson, G Hughes); Thonock, Lincolnshire (G Stafford, G Phillipson); Wanstead (D Pugh, T Croker); Waterville, County Louth (L Higgins, N Cronin); West Kent (R Fidler, R Carter).

Davies has share of the lead

From John Hennessy
Guernsey

Another powerful performance by Laura Davies, the United States Open champion, put her into the limelight again yesterday. A round of 68, four under par, over the Royal Guernsey course gave her a share of the lead with Corinne Dibnah, of Australia, on the first day of the James Capel Guernsey Open.

Miss Davies played quite superbly, notably at the 15th (she started her round at the 10th) and the sixth. Both holes measure 398 yards and she reduced both to a three, which represented an eagle at the 15th. At the sixth a colossal drive of 295 yards left her 103 yards to go and her towering sand iron nestled 18 inches behind the flag.

Miss Dibnah's two stunning bursts of three successive birdies, from the 13th (she, too, played the course in reverse) and the third offered her the chance to improve on her second place at Stoke Poges last week.

SCORES: (GB and Ireland unless stated): 68: L Davies, C Dibnah (Aus). 69: V Marvin. 70: L Wilson (Aus). 71: S Moorcraft, A Wilson (Aus), T Fernando (Sri Lanka), L Mullard (Aus), B New. 72: S Van Wyk (SA), A Jones (Australia). 73: M Scobling, D Reid, M-L Taya (Fr), M Thomson. 74: J Brown, K Douglas, B Huke, M Marshall (US). 75: J Lawrence, J Rumsey, J Hill, D Chudzinski (WG), Maxine Burton.

CYCLING

Irish eyes smile on Kelly

From Peter Bryan
Cork

Together with 80 other riders, Malcolm Elliott, the winner of the first stage, saw his chances of overall victory in the Nissan International Classic blown apart yesterday on the long climb of The Vee, a hairpin-cornered mountain in County Waterford. On one of the hill's severest corners, Elliott's chain came off, bringing him to a halt and leaving him at the rear of the bunch.

Just at that moment, Joel Pelier, of France, attacked to be first over the summit, but his move brought response from 12 others, and all were soon descending at 50 m.p.h. Among the dozen were four Irishmen: Sean Kelly, Stephen Roche, Paul Kimmage and Martin Earley.

Their targets were Shane Sutton, of Australia, and Johnny Weltz, of Denmark, who had broken clear earlier to establish a five-minute lead. The attack on them by such a formidable bunch, coinciding as it did with Elliott's mechanical defect, was to be the foundation of as dramatic a stage as one could envisage.

Elliott was foundering behind, trying to fight his way back to the *peloton* and work his way to the front to mount a counter-attack. But no one besides his ANC-Halfords team colleagues was interested in the idea.

The speeding dozen soon caught the runaways, and their lead over the 80 left behind built considerably long before Cork came in sight.

If the mountain provided part one of the day's drama, the four-mile finishing circuit in Cork was part two. It included St Patrick's Hill, a vicious one-in-four quarter-mile climb that had to be negotiated four times. It was a tailor-made situation for either Kelly or Roche, and again the crowds were out to cheer home their heroes.

First time round it was Chris Lillywhite, Elliott's team colleague. But Pelier was clear at the end of the second ascent, held on in the third and resisted all the non-stop efforts of the Irish pair to catch him. He won the 108-mile stage thoroughly exhausted, collapsing against the crowd-barriers when he had crossed the line.

Kelly was nine seconds behind, but with intermediate time bonuses and with Elliott's hopes completely destroyed, he took over the race leader's yellow jersey. Pelier moved up to second from 34th overall.

For Lillywhite it was an outstanding day's performance.

SECOND STAGE (Waterford to Cork, 108 miles): 1, J Pelier (System U), 4hr 34min 01sec; 2, S Kelly (KAS), at 9sec; 3, E Boyer (System U); 4, C Lillywhite (ANC-Halfords); 5, M Earley (Fagor); 6, G Duclos Lassalle (Peugeot), all same time. Overall placings: 1, Kelly, 11hr 22min 53sec; 2, Pelier, at 8sec; 3, A Van Der Poel (PDM), at 16sec; 4, Lillywhite, at 19sec; 5, Boyer, at 22sec; 6, Earley, at 28sec.

Correction

Our report yesterday, 'Eastern bloc joins drugs fight', wrongly stated that Sebastian Coe had criticized Amateur Athletic Association hints of new drug-testing procedures at major championships. His comments referred only to selecting athletes for competition.

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Umpires dismiss television help in decision-making

Bird: critic of gadgetry

By Ivo Tennant

Umpires from the seven Test-playing countries participating in the World Cup have criticized the sponsors' suggestion that they be given pocket televisions to help them make decisions during the competition. Dickie Bird said he was "amazed" that such an idea had been mooted.

Reliance Industries, the official sponsors, felt that television replays would help umpires over appeals for leg-before and bat-and-pad catches. The response, though, has been that electronic gadgets would undermine the ability of the umpire.

"Gadgets take a lot away from the umpire," said Bird. "They cannot help you make decisions as you have to take many things into consideration." David Shepherd, who will also be officiating, said that if such an aid was brought to umpiring, a book of rules might as well be placed behind the stumps.

P W Vidanagamage, the Sri Lankan umpire, went further. "An umpire would become a nonentity," he said. "The batsmen and bowlers fail to deliver the goods when they commit mistakes. Why can't the umpire make his legitimate share of mistakes?" Tony Crafter, the Australian umpire, said that at present technology was not good enough to justify assistance from a pocket television.

Meanwhile, Pakistan are blaming India for the skirmishes last week in Kashmir and are claiming India's reports of the incidents were exaggerated. Pakistan's Minister for Defence, Naeem Mahmood, told Parliament that troops had inflicted heavy casualties on Indian troops while defending their positions.

Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has expressed his displeasure to Margaret Alva, his Sports Minister, over the large advertisments for cigarettes and whisky plastered all round the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium. Mr Gandhi watched the warm-up match between India and Pakistan on Wednesday. A month ago, the Sports Minister sent circulars to all of India's sports federations telling them not to display hoardings advertising liquor and tobacco.

England's first practice session yesterday was marred by an outbreak of stomach upsets, commonly known as "Delhi belly." Mike Gatting remained in his hotel room and of four fellow-sufferers, Athey, Gooch, Jarvis and Pringle, only Pringle completed the session. In addition, Emburey has been advised to rest for a week after spraining an ankle and DeFreitas has a chest infection.

"We never intended to do very much and I think stomach trouble is only to be expected when you are settling into a foreign country and eating different types of food," said Mickey Stewart, England's manager. They have taken the precaution of bringing a microwave oven with them, but as yet have not done any home cooking.

For the first time on an England tour, the party includes a doctor who specializes in malaria and dysentry, Tony Hall, who comes from the Hospital of Tropical Diseases in London. England fly to Pakistan today and have another week to prepare for their first match on October 9.

The Australian party, though, are convinced they lack nothing in fitness. Alan Crompton, their manager, said Allan Border was in excellent shape after playing in England. "I do not think we are lacking at all by coming out of an Australian winter," said Crompton. "Dean Jones, Bruce Reid and Steve Waugh have also been in England and two other players, Greg Dyer and Peter Taylor, have just returned from a tour of Zimbabwe with New South Wales."

The Australians were unable to hold net practice as planned yesterday owing to a groundsman having watered the turf wickets in Delhi overnight. They had to resort to cement pitches and a long fielding session in the heat.

- Pakistan will play three Tests, two one-day internationals and three other matches on their tour of West Indies next year. The six-week tour will begin on March 6.

Tough for Swedes at the toughest hole in the world

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

It took the "toughest hole in the world" to save Greg Norman from defeat and rescue Australia from a first-round disaster in the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews yesterday. Norman insists there is no more intimidating stretch of golfing terrain than the 461 yards of the infamous 17th 'Road Hole'.

So as he stepped on to the tee, one shot behind Mats Lanner, he clung to the hope that the Swede might be beaten purely by inexperience. The Australians were on the threshold of losing their unbeaten record in this medal match-play event as Ove Sellberg had already comfortably moved past Rodger Davis with a 69 to a 75 to take Sweden ahead.

If Norman had lost it meant that the outcome of the third and final match between Peter Senior and Anders Forsbrand would have no bearing on an enthralling contest which had sprung to life courtesy of the valiant exploits of the amiable Lanner

Norman had been a model of consistency — he hit all 18 greens in regulation figures, only to take two putts at each one — and his only birdies had come at the long fifth and 14th holes. Lanner, who impressed Norman with his striking, possessed a silkier touch on the palatial Old Course greens and so, with the assistance of five birdies, he had forged his way into a one-shot lead against the player who is rated No. 1 in the Sony world rankings.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	370	4	10	342	4
2	411	4	11	172	3
3	371	4	12	316	4
4	463	4	13	425	4
5	564	5	14	567	5
6	416	4	15	413	4
7	372	4	16	382	4
8	178	3	17	461	4
9	356	4	18	354	4
Out	3,501	36	In	3,432	36
Total yardage: 6,933				Par: 72	

What destroyed Lanner was a sudden inability to set his mind at ease as his approach settled on the bottom level of the notorious green, whereas Norman had carried a superb four-iron to within 35 feet of the cup.

Lanner was almost certainly inconvenienced by his ball landing in an area of 'Ground Under Repair,' which measured no more than one foot in diameter. He was allowed to take a drop, not under penalty, but in the time that took him to do so he became mesmerized by the Road Hole bunker. He aimed further right, found himself standing in the area of 'GUR', and took another drop.

"I didn't believe his putt when he hit it," Norman said. "But he was obviously in two minds, thrown out by the situation, and it is easy for that to happen on this hole. I'm never sure whether it is a fair hole or not but I would say that, whatever the conditions, it is the toughest hole I've played anywhere."

Lanner's putt, struck too hard, rolled over the green and on to the path beyond. His first attempt to get back on to the putting surface rolled back down the bank. His next, struck firmer, went 20 feet past. Somehow he summoned the courage to make that putt, for a six, but Norman, down in four, was now one ahead and on his way to victory. Behind him Senior closed out Forsbrand.

"I'm glad Australia won but it was really sad that it should happen that way," Norman added. "This hole has been the nemesis for many, many golfers and it will stay that way for a long time to come. It was a close match and I'm pleased for Peter Senior because he actually returned here just for this event."

Zainal Abidin Yusof, aged 43, of Malaysia, will also never forget the 17th hole. He came to it all square with Nobumitsu Yuhara, of Japan, but took 10 there, after hitting a four-wood over the green and on to the road, and with that Japan moved past Malaysia 2-1.

In contrast, Constantino Rocca, of Italy, holed in one with a five-iron at the eighth against Curtis Strange. The American, however, rallied to win by one shot as his country overcame the Italians 3-0.

England, Ireland and Scotland all comfortably progressed.

SCORES FROM ST ANDREWS

First round

Canada bt New Zealand 2½-½
(D Barr 71, B Saulsby 75, D Halldorson 74, G Turner 74, R Zokol 72, F Nobilo 74).

Japan bt Malaysia 2-1
(K Suzuki 75, M Ramayah 74, N Serizawa 70, S Yusof 76; N Yuhara 75, Z A Yusof 80).

United States bt Italy 3-0
(C Strange 71, C Rocca 72, D A Weibring 69, S Grappasonni 77, M O'Meara 70, G Cali 75)

Spain bt Philippines 3-0
(J Rivero 68, F Minoza 75, J M Olazabal 71, R Lavares 80; J M Cañizares 72, E Bagtas 77).

Ireland bt France 3-0
(R Rafferty 71, M Tapia 76; E Darcy 72, G Watine 76; D Smyth 74, E Dussart 76).

Scotland bt Zimbabwe 3-0
(S Lyle 71, T Price 73, G Brand jnr 70, A Edwards 72; S Torrance 72, W Kine 73)

England bt Mexico 2½-½
(H Clark 71, E P Acosta 71, N Faldo 70, C Espinoza 75, G J Brand 74, F Esparza 81).

Australia bt Sweden 2-1
(R Davis 75, O Sellberg 69), G Norman 70, M Lanner 71, P Senior 67, A Forsbrand 70)

End of the road: Lanner ponders what might have been after taking six at the 'Road Hole' (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Rosi challenge

Lupe Aquino, of Mexico, defends his World Boxing Council light middleweight title against Gianfranco Rosi, the European champion, in Perugia tonight.

Backing youth

Britain will send under-19 and under-21 teams to compete in the world and European ice hockey championships next year.

Virgo is sunk by Davis

By Steve Acteson

Steve Davis ruthlessly punished a series of errors to overcome John Virgo 5-2 and move into the semi-finals of the Fidelity Unit Trusts International at Stoke-on-Trent last night.

A unique feature of this championship is that the sponsors are offering payments — in the form of their wares — to eight nominated charities, with each of the quarter-finalists representing a charity. The eventual winner will benefit his cause with £40,000 which matches the player's own first prize.

Virgo was representing the RNLI, but Davis, the world champion and world No. 1, gave him few opportunities. Virgo won the opening frame but Davis, who is representing Mencap, moved 4-1 ahead.

Virgo recovered somewhat with a clearance of 30 to win sixth frame from 44-17 down and then moved 56-0 ahead in the seventh frame. But a sloppy safety shot then let Davis in for a break of 43 and after a protracted battle on the colours, Virgo finally collapsed when Davis fluked a snooker on the blue. Although Virgo escaped, he left it for Davis to clear the last three colours for victory

Eugene Hughes was also in charitable mood as the Irishman scorned a rare hatful of chances extended by Cliff Thorburn of Canada to lose 5-1. Thorburn thus increased his remarkable record at this Trentham Gardens venue to 16 victories in 17 matches.

RESULTS. Quarter-finals: S Davis (Eng) bt J Virgo (Eng) 5-2. Frame scores (Davis first): 47-64, 71-46, 80-22, 65-39, 55-46, 44-47, 74-66. C Thorburn (Can) bt E Hughes (Ire) 5-1. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 73-17, 68-64, 7-65, 73-49, 64-26, 81-[illegible]

RAC tries for Grand Prix shift

By David Tremayne

The Motor Sports Association (MSA) branch of the Royal Automobile Club confirmed yesterday that Brands Hatch is its preferred venue for the 1988 British Grand Prix. This marks the first official reaction by the national governing body to the deal forged between the Formula One Constructors' Association (FOCA) and the rival track, Silverstone, in May 1986.

It has taken the MSA a long time to reach its decision, but the move indicates the determination of the new chief executive, Peter Hammond, aged 53, to smarten up its act. "We feel that alternation of the race between Silverstone and Brands Hatch is in the best interests of the sport, to avoid a monopoly," he said.

In May 1986, John Foulstone, the computer millionaire who was killed testing at Silverstone last Tuesday, bought Brands Hatch, Oulton Park and Snetterton from Eagle Star for £5.25 million.

Within a week, the announcement was made that FISA, the international governing body, had approved an exclusive five-year deal between Silverstone and FOCA. On the face of it, the deal had been made following the new FISA guidelines that each nation should have only one circuit hosting its Grand Prix.

At the time, Ernie Ecclestone, of FOCA — who has since been appointed as the FISA vice-president of marketing — justified the deal by citing Silverstone's superior scope for improvement of its facilities.

At this year's Shell Oils British Grand Prix at Silverstone, however, Ecclestone was critical of a number of factors

At the recent Spanish Grand Prix in Jerez, speculation was further fuelled as Brands' chief executive, John Webb, and Silverstone's group marketing manager, John Foden, refused to comment on suggestions that both circuits had decided to enter into a deal to alternate the Grand Prix and share the profits over a 10-year period.

The RAC MSA statement affirms its hope that FISA will modify its one-nation, one-circuit ruling to cater for the special circumstances in the United Kingdom — which, after all, leads the world in motor sport — and return to the old system that had run since 1964. Hammond stressed that "alternation to us means only two circuits," apparently ruling out Donington Park in Leicestershire, which had a long-standing agreement with the RAC MSA for a Grand Prix date in 1988.

A narrow escape for Rangers

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Rangers were within 20 centimetres of going out of the European Cup. After employing the unusual tactic of decreasing the width of their pitch on Wednesday night, they were accused by their opponents, Dynamo Kiev, of unsportsmanlike behaviour, but were found to be innocent of the more serious charge of malpractice.

Jan Huijbregts, UEFA's Dutch observer at the second leg of the first-round tie, was approached by concerned officials of the Soviet Union champions at half-time. He was asked to measure the distance between touchline and touchline, but rejected the request "as it was not possible to do so at that stage"

But after Rangers had won, by 2-0 on the night and by 2-1 on aggregate, he checked the dimensions. And confirmed what Rangers already knew. The width was exactly 64.20 metres, a mere 20cm inside the minimum requirements for a European fixture. Souness had deliberately reduced the size of the normal pitch by some 10 yards.

He wanted to limit the span of Kiev's counter-attacks, crowd the area in midfield and increase the danger of the Scottish champion's long throw-ins — a particular speciality of his.

Mikhail Oshenkov, Kiev's secretary, regarded the cut as unkind. When the Soviet team trained at Ibrox on Tuesday night, the markings around the perimeter were drawn along the lines that they had expected. But for the match itself they found that their style was curiously cramped.

"We practiced on one pitch and played on another", Oshenkov said. "The changes were made only after we had used the training facilities. Souness was clever He used a psychological weapon and we have learned a valuable lesson." He added that "their methods are contrary to the spirit of the game".

Once Kiev's officials had seen that the rules had not been broken, they ended the diplomatic incident by deciding against making an official protest. As Huijbregts stated: "They had no grounds for doing so".

New Celtic offer is rejected

By Dennis Signy

Celtic's hopes of persuading West Ham to part with Frank McAvennie, a life-long supporter of the Park Head club, were further rebuffed yesterday despite an increased offer for the forward.

Although McAvennie has failed to score in nine games this season, John Lyall, the West Ham manager, said the new bid still did not meet his club's valuation.

Lyall said: "We appreciate the player's feeling for Celtic over the years but we do not want to lose him. The position is that we don't have to sell anyone. If we sell McAvennie, or any other player for that matter, we would have to buy a top quality player of equal ability"

Lyall would not confirm Celtic's offer, believed to be around £700,000, or put a price on McAvennie. His decision to decline for the second time followed a board meeting the previous evening.

McAvennie, who has won four caps for Scotland, cost West Ham £340,000 when they signed him from St Mirren in June 1985.

Linfield must await judgement

By George Ace

The ugly side of football showed itself briefly at Windsor Park on Wednesday night as Linfield lost 4-2 to Lillestroem, to bow out of the European Cup in the first round, 5-3 on aggregate. In two separate incidents in the first five minutes of the second half, a brick and bottles were thrown from behind the goal defended by the Finns.

The referee stopped the game, took the the brick to the dugout and issued a warning. Two minutes after the restart two bottles sailed onto the pitch and the security forces left those concerned in no doubt that they were under scrutiny by closed circuit television.

That warning had the desired effect, and the manner in which the two incidents were dealt with will stand Linfield in good stead when the report of the official observer finds its way to UEFA headquarters. Linfield face a hefty fine or a possible match ban. The concensus of opinion, however, is that the efficient handling of the incidents will limit the punishment to a fine.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Danes top seedings

Morten Frost and Kirsten Larsen, of Denmark, head the seedings in the British Airways Masters badminton tournament in London from October 14 to 18.

Steve Baddeley and Darren Hall, of England, are ranked No 3 and No. 4 with Gillian Clark and Gillian Gowers top seeds in the women's doubles

Sella injured

Phillipe Sella, the France rugby union centre, has withdraw with a hamstring injury from the French Barbarians team to play Penarth on Wednesday

FRENCH BARBARIANS: S Blanco (Fr), A N Omer, M Andrieu (Fr), F Mesnel (Fr), I Evans (Wales), J P Lescarboura (Fr), P Berbizier (Fr, capt), P Ondarts (Fr), D Maso (Fr), I Milne (Scot), A Cecillon (Fr), D Lenihan (Ire), [illegible] (Fr), [illegible] Rodriguez (Fr), [illegible] (Arg)

Frost: Danish master

Cue for cash

Joe O'Boye, of Ireland, is offering a reward of £1,000 for the return of his hand-made ash cue stolen in 1985.

Craven ill

Danie Craven, the South African rugby union president for 31 years, said yesterday he would soon undergo open heart surgery to replace a defective aorta

On target

Petr Kurka, of Czechoslovakia, set a world record of 1,283.4 points yesterday in the men's small-bore rifle three positions at the Seoul World Cup competition to surpass the 1,278.1 set by Kirill Ivanov, of the Soviet Union.

Ledger on list

St Helens have transfer-listed Barry Ledger, the Great Britain wing, for £50,000 as he has missed training since being dropped 10 days ago

Receiving end

The Aiwa squash rackets tournament next month will American-style scoring with each match lasting for 25 points, and the rally winner collecting a point whether server or receiver

END COLUMN

Europe misses shuttle bus

By Richard Eaton

This month's news that yet another major badminton event — the world grand prix final in Hong Kong — is going to the Far East is a matter of serious concern not only for Europe's leading players who are worried that the top level professional game here might die if the trend is not reversed.

The issue is broader than that. Prize-money of six figures has already been guaranteed for open tournaments in Asia next year. That means the million-dollar total which the circuit has already reached is merely a beginning. The game has an extremely prosperous future. If we fail to carve out a slice of that fat cake for ourselves, it will be an economic waste and a notable disappointment for British sport.

The commerical development of the International Badminton Federation (IBF) is led by an abrasively eloquent Glaswegian businessman, Craig Reedie, who points one finger quite clearly: "There needs to be a higher degree of enthusiasm for the promotion of the commerical game among major European associations," he said.

"Rather than European associations or the Press saying 'why don't the IBF do something', it's rather more up to the European associations themselves to do something about it. If they want to have very prestigious events then they simply have to go out and sell them to sponsors and television — in whatever order. They have to compete in world terms on prize-money. Once they do that they have reason to complain if Asian players won't come to play."

The IBF's part in all of this since the game went open in 1979 has been to follow the pull of the invisible but one sidely powerful hand of market forces. Ironically, the original decision to take badminton down the commercial road was made by a strongly European based group.

Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Taipei have all resurrected events with big prize-money. The Japanese Open has for some time been one of the top four tournaments and the Chinese Open is a new and exciting development. By contrast, the European championships has yet to acquire sponsorship, television, or any prize-money at all. According to Ciro Ciniglio, the most successful manager England ever had: "If the European Badminton Union doesn't get it back together it will be left behind."

Such Asian enterprise is admirable. However, it creates both a bountiful vista and a dilemma. It is difficult for the IBF at this stage to reward such initiative by turning round and allocating funds to another part of the globe, especially to three big associations like Denmark, England and Sweden.

The weakness of the IBF's position is that the 1989 world championships, the easiest event to move around, should surely have come to Europe but has gone to the Far East again. This was more than a surprise. The votes were nine to Indonesia and eight to Denmark with allegations that Indonesia offered free holidays on Bali to IBF council members and their wives.

Reedie is emphatic that this offer was no more than a joke. He does however turn another of his fingers upon his own federation. "I am certain that it was a tactical mistake," he said. "The intention of the world championships right from the start was for them to go round the world. On that basis Denmark was the rightful host."

Cash could be playing in British tennis

Wimbledon champion Pat Cash is to be offered the chance to play in Britain's Mortgage Corporation-sponsored tennis league. His fellow Australian, Charlie Fancutt, is hoping to persuade him to join a new Cardiff-based team.

Fancutt plans to talk with Cash in Australia, though he faces competition from the London-based teams. They will see Cash's frequent visits to his Putney home as the chance to land his signature.

Cash, aged 22, would be the biggest catch from a crowd-appeal point of view — his headband trademark and all-action style making him a favourite with wimbledon crowds over the years — but the Swedes, Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd, are also targets for teams in the league.

Details of the re-organised league, to start in February, will be announced next week.

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